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## Iraq claims right of hitting tankers

MANAMA, Aug. 20 (AFP) — Iraq claims the right to attack any foreign ship found in Iranian ports, the Iraqi government daily *Gawharia* reported Friday.

Petrol tankers and other merchant ships are considered as a "para-military" force aiding the Iranian war effort, the paper added. The statement followed the recent sinking by Iraq of two ships at an Iranian Gulf port.

(In Athens, 16 crew members of the Greek tanker *Liston Pride* returned home Thursday. (Continued on page 7)

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## Price of gold soars to an 8-month high

LONDON, Aug. 20 (R) — The price of gold leapt to a eighth month high Friday as worries about the size of U.S. bank loans to Mexico pushed the dollar down on foreign exchange markets.

Gold jumped more than \$325 to \$381.5 an ounce when trading opened in London, its highest level since February. It slipped back slightly on profit-taking, but settled at around \$379 an ounce.

Dealers said the weaker dollar and the prospect of lower U.S. interest rates following the congressional decision to accept President Reagan's record \$98.3 billion tax bill had pushed up the price of gold.

The vote in Congress and fears that U.S. banks could face problems over the size of the loan exposure in Mexico undermined the dollar on foreign exchange markets across the world.

In Tokyo, the dollar shed two yen on the day to close at 255.8 yen, almost 10 yen less than the five-year high. The dollar was fixed at 2,4570 marks in Frankfurt, down more than three pence from Thursday's 2,4880.

Meanwhile, activity of the New York Stock Exchange was more subdued Thursday than the frenzy that erupted earlier in the week. But rumors later denied, that one or more U.S. banks were threatened with failure because of Mexico's plight, made Thursday the sixth busiest trading day ever on the Big Board. Trading volume of 78.27 million shares was sharply below the record 132.69 million shares that changed hands Wednesday, however.

### At Amritsar airport

## Indian Sikh hijacker killed

NEW DELHI, Aug. 20 (AFP) — The Sikh hijacker of an Indian Airlines domestic flight was overpowered and killed by Indian security forces at Amritsar Friday, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

The 60 passengers and crew of six aboard were released and were safe, PTI said quoting official information reaching here. The hijacker had threatened to shoot one passenger an hour unless the government met his demands, including talks with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, a Sikh administration to government Punjab state, a ransom of \$88,000 and release of jailed Sikh leaders.

After circling the Pakistani city of Lahore, the Indian Airlines Boeing 737 hijacked on a Bombay to Delhi run landed at Amritsar in India's Punjab state, where it was surrounded by police and security personnel. The hijacker was said to be in the cockpit and all passengers were still on board.

First reports said only one of the hostages was injured during the incident — an air hostess who jumped out of the aircraft after it landed in Amritsar.

The Sikh hijacker was identified as Musseb Singh, PTI said quoting sources at the state-run airlines headquarters. Though there were few immediate details, reports said he was overpowered as negotiators entered the aircraft. PTI said the hijacker, armed with a pistol and a grenade, commanded the craft and demanded to be flown to Lahore.

The pilot was granted permission to land in Lahore, he returned to India and

landed in Amritsar, where two of the passengers — a Sikh woman and her infant — were initially released, PTI said.

Meanwhile, PTI said that Punjab's Education Minister Harcharan Singh Alniala was among 30 persons injured in a grenade attack in the Punjab town of Rahon Friday.

The attack came at a public function in Jullundur district, 350 kms north-west of here.

State Chief Minister Darbara Singh was at the function but escaped unharmed. Five persons were said to have been seriously hurt in the attack. PTI said the Chief Minister Singh was hit by one hand grenade, thrown by a person from among the audience at the function, but it did not explode.

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**Bombay crushes revolt by police**

BOMBAY, Aug. 20 (AFP) — The administration in this western metropolis crushed a short-lived police revolt by sheer military might Friday and put behind bars over 700 persons, including 79 rebel policemen.

State Home Minister Shrikant Jichkar told newsmen that the situation in this city of eight million was "completely under control," but said he had asked the army and paramilitary forces to remain on duty as a precautionary measure, adding, "they will work more as a deterrent." He refused to say when the army would be withdrawn.

Jichkar said 96 percent of Bombay's police force had reported back to duty. But rebel police sources contradicted government claims and said many policemen were either confined to their houses or barracks. The trouble started Wednesday when the majority of the Maharashtra state capital's 22,000-strong police force rebelled in protest against a government swoop on their leaders who were demanding higher wages and better working conditions.

The riots, which left at least five officially killed and 22 injured, had plunged the business capital of India into panic and fear. But the situation improved as the army took complete charge of law and order and the administration gave it the order to shoot on sight.

The city was limping back to normalcy Friday and there were no major incidents although isolated instances of stone throwing continued in a few places. The 41-hour-long curfew, which was imposed at midday Wednesday, was lifted Friday morning enabling office workers to return to their jobs. Friday afternoon, Bombay was back to its usual self, with traffic jams all around, hawkers clogging up the pavements and the rattling, overcrowded Bombay transport buses back on the road.

Jichkar said over 450 government trains and buses were damaged by angry crowds who aided the rebel policemen. Though offices reported moderate to good attendance, city schools remained closed for the third day Friday, officials said.

Officials estimated the financial loss at several million dollars with the city transport corporation sustaining about \$11 million loss due to destruction and damage to its fleet.

Meanwhile, local analysts said though the government succeeded in crushing the rebellion, it has left a trail of uncertainties and simmering distrust which would pose problems for Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress Party which is in power here.

### Against violating accord

## Reagan issues stern warning

BEIRUT, Aug. 20 (Agencies) — As the Palestine Liberation Organization released a captured pilot and a kidnapped soldier Friday paving the way for a U.S. guaranteed PLO evacuation from West Beirut, President Reagan announced in Washington that he was sending U.S. forces to take part in the international buffer force. He warned all parties in the Lebanese conflict to avoid "violations" of the peace plan.

Reagan also stressed that the United States was committed to the "rapid withdrawal of all foreign forces" from Lebanon. "Violations by any party," he said, "will imperil the plan and bring bloodshed and tragedy for the Lebanese people." Those involved in the conflict, he added, "have a special responsibility

on implementation" of the settlement negotiated by U.S. special envoy Philip Habib.

The president did not say how many U.S. troops would take part in the buffer force, but stressed that "in no case will our troops stay longer 30 days". The United States, he said, had received "assurances" from all parties to the safety of U.S. troops.

"Our purpose," Reagan said, "will be to assist the Lebanese armed forces in carrying out their responsibilities for ensuring the departure of PLO leaders, officers and combatants in Beirut from Lebanese territory under safe and orderly conditions." When asked whether U.S. troops would be pulled out in case of fighting, the president answered

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## The second conspiracy

By Abdul Karim Abu Al-Nasr  
 Editor-in-Chief, *Al Majalla*

No sooner had the U.S. envoy, Philip Habib, reached an accord on ensuring the exit of Palestinian fighters from besieged Beirut than Israel started implementing the second stage of its plot in Lebanon, which could best be called the "second conspiracy."

During the past few weeks, the London-based *Al Majalla* Arabic weekly, a sister publication of *Arab News*, tried to collect as much information as possible on this conspiracy which is going to preoccupy the region for several months at least. The information gathered from well-informed European, American and Arab diplomatic sources reveals the broadlines of this grave conspiracy. These could be summed up as follows:

(1) The Begin government would try to keep Lebanon as an "open front" for conflicts and clashes. Through this "open front," Israel would exercise an actual pressure on Syria, several other states and different Arab circles. It would specially attempt to blast the Reagan administration's plan to tackle the Palestine problem, as promised by Washington to several Arab states.

(2) The Begin government would also make an attempt to divide Lebanon and to set up a "small Lebanese state" with Christian majority and Muslim minority. The southern part of the country would be under the domination of Israel or its stooges represented by men like Saad Haddad, while the Syrian forces will remain in Bekaa area.

(3) In one way or the other, the Begin government would try to do away with Palestinian camps completely in the south as also in the "tiny state." The rest of the Lebanese

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## France nabs rebels in dawn swoop

PARIS, Aug. 20 (R) — Twelve members of France's banned extreme left organization Action Directe were arrested in a dawn raid early Friday, police sources said.

Police swooped on several addresses and detained members of the group, which was banned earlier this week under 1936 law forbidding private militias. But the sources said the group's leader, Jean-Marc Rouillon, was not among those held.

A warrant was issued this week for the arrest of Rouillon, who said in a newspaper interview earlier this week that Action Directe had been behind a series of attacks. But he denied they had been involved in last week's gun and grenade attack on a Jewish

restaurant in which six persons were killed and 20 wounded.

Police believe Action Directe may have provided a logistics base for the four or five men being hunted in connection with the attack on the Jewish restaurant. Action Directe is known to have connections outside the country. The group is thought to be 100-strong.

It first came to prominence in 1980 but recently claimed responsibility for a number of bomb attacks against Jewish and other targets. Early Thursday, a bomb badly damaged the offices of the right-wing newspaper *Minute*, and Action Directe claimed responsibility.

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## Islamic museum to exhibit rare coins, architecture

JEDDAH, Aug. 20 — Makkah's Ummul Qura University is preparing to open an Islamic museum which will exhibit antiquities from the beginning of Islam until modern times.

*Al Madinah* newspaper reported Thursday that a technical study is being conducted by the Sharia and Islamic Studies College's department of Islamic civilization and systems to open the museum. Dr. Muhammad Saleh Shusib, assistant professor at the Islamic civilization department, supervises the museum's establishment.

### Preparations underway

Approval was given several months ago by Ummul Qura University Director Dr. Rashed ibn Rajeh to the museum idea. The Islamic civilization department is in the process of importing glass display cases from Europe, especially designed to preserve ancient art crafts.

### Architecture section

The museum will have several sections and sub-divisions. The Islamic section will have subdivisions for Islamic architecture in Makkah which will display a miniature of the Holy

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Haram's minarets. The Islamic coins section will exhibit very rare collections of which there are large numbers from the year 74 of the Hijra (more than 13 centuries old). The first Islamic Dinar was issued during the reign of Abdul Malik ibn Marwan, the Ommiad caliph, during the first century of Hijra.

The university bought about 195 coins from an Islamic coins collector. Negotiations are underway now, for large quantities of Islamic coins, estimated to cost millions of riyals. A representative of the university has just returned from Europe where he made a technical evaluation of the coins and a committee is now negotiating the prices with the collector.

### Craft section

Another section in the museum will be devoted to Islamic pottery and glass crafts. The section will display rare pottery and glass artifacts from the early Islamic times. These have been collected from various parts of the world.

### Handicrafts display

Saudi Arabia will have a section in which its ancient handicrafts some of which have disappeared long ago. Old tools used in making the handicrafts will also be on display. Some official departments and popular organizations have helped support this section to make it reflect the country's traditions.

### Ghazzawi corner

A special corner has been reserved for the late Sheikh Ahmad ibn Ibrahim Al-Ghazzawi's collections presented to the university by his heirs. Ghazzawi also was a famous poet.

## Hospital examiners using ultrasound scanning method

RIYADH, Aug. 20 — Ultrasound water-path scanning is a technique which can be effectively used to examine cancer, heart and infant brain patients as a supplement to X-Ray Mammography. According to Abdul Rehman Al-Gossabi Marketing, the local agent for the Ausonics Octoson, the use of ultrasound removes the radiation risks associated with X-Ray Mammography and delivers diagnostically valuable information.

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**Islamic education world conference begins Aug. 23**

JAKARTA, Aug. 20 (AFP) — The Fourth World Conference on Islamic Education will be held in Jakarta Aug. 23 to 28 in a further search for teaching methodology based on Islam, the organizing committee has announced here.

Committee Chairman Dr. Jurnalis Uddin said the conference will be hosted by the Indonesian Islamic higher education institutions cooperation board in conjunction with King Abdul Aziz University of Jeddah, the Makkah-based World Center for Islamic Education and the Islamic Solidarity Fund of the Islamic Conference Organization (ICO).

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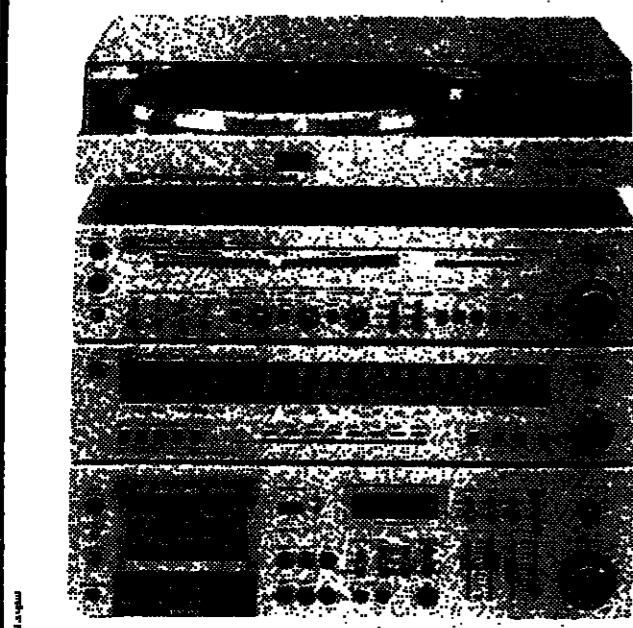
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## Assembly backs Palestinian homeland

NEW YORK, Aug. 20 (R) — Big majorities in favor of the Palestinians were seen by the U.N. General Assembly yesterday night as efforts to end the Israeli siege of Beirut approached a climax.

While leading Western countries abstained, 120 states lined up behind resolutions supporting the Palestinians' right to a homeland and condemning Israel's invasion of Lebanon. They voted for an international day next June 4 to commemorate Palestinian and Lebanese civil victims of the fighting.

Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Blum denounced the resolutions, claiming they were designed to feed "the furnace of hatred."

Charles Eichenstein, the U.S. delegate, said they would not help the peacemaking efforts of Philip Habib, the U.S. Middle East envoy who is negotiating the withdrawal of Palestinian commandos from Beirut. He said there

was little the U.N. itself could do to affect the outcome of Habib's efforts.

## Arab Americans make plea for U.S.-PLO talks

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (R) — Officials of the League of Arab Americans have called on the United States to open a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) on an overall Middle East peace after the Lebanon crisis is settled.

David Sadd, executive director of the 60,000-member organization, said he and colleagues made the proposal at a meeting with Vice-President George Bush Thursday afternoon.

The United States has said it will not recognize the PLO until the organization recognizes Israel's right to exist. The PLO is conducting negotiations for the departure of Palestinian commandos in Lebanon indirectly with U.S. special envoy Philip Habib through the Lebanese government.

Sadd said in remarks to reporters that league officials told Bush U.S. policy in the Middle East was being impaired by its strong backing for Israel. "The Arab countries must be assured that the U.S. government is equally supportive of their national interests as of Israel's interests," a document given to Bush said.

## Mubarak demands overall solution for Mideast crisis

CAIRO, Aug. 20 (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has said the expected departure of Palestinian commandos from Beirut this weekend would only complicate the general Palestinian problem unless accompanied by a pledge that a comprehensive settlement would be found.

After meeting young members of his National Democratic Party, Mubarak was quoted Thursday by the official Middle East News Agency as saying: "The commandos' withdrawal from Beirut will further complicate the crisis unless it takes place in the presence of a pledge to find a comprehensive solution."

"We are trying to get stranded Bangladesh nationals (still in Lebanon) back through diplomatic channels and have asked Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan to grant transit facilities to these people," he added.

He said the numbers he cited were "conservative figures, since we have not had direct contact with Beirut."

The minister affirmed that "Arab issues and the Palestinian cause are not foreign policy elements for Bangladesh but national issues."

"Our commitment and involvement in the Arab cause is total," he added.

Shasud Doha left Kuwait Thursday on his

way to Niger to attend an Islamic foreign ministers conference starting there Sunday.



CANNON: Ibrahim Koleiat, (right with camouflage jacket and glasses) leader of the leftist militia group Morabitoun, Thursday inspects a cannon that was just given to his movement by the Palestine Liberation Organization. The PLO fighters are scheduled to start leaving Beirut Saturday.

## BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Israel received four messages from the Soviet Union during the Israeli siege of Beirut warning against bombing and shelling the Soviet Embassy, a senior official disclosed Thursday. One cable from the Kremlin used particularly tough language the official said, and the Israeli fired back a message that they would not respond to further cables if the Soviets continued using "impolite" terms.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — The Iranian cabinet has decided to allocate 20 thousand million

rials (some \$250 million) to its revolutionary guards force, Radio Tehran reported here. The amount set aside the guards was aimed at "covering war costs," the radio said.

UNITED NATIONS, (AFP) — The number of Ugandan refugees crossing into southern Sudan each day has dropped to about 200 from a peak of 900 at the beginning of the month, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for refugees. There are now about 150,000 Ugandans in Sudan. A UNHCR spokesman said Friday.

## Indonesia calls for Muslim unity to counter Israel

JAKARTA, Aug. 20 (AFP) — Indonesia has called for the Islamic world to strengthen its unity and give priority to solidarity to "counter its common enemy — Israel."

In an official statement here to mark Saturday's Islamic Solidarity Day for the Palestinian people, Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumamadja said the Palestinian people were "struggling hard to counter the Israeli invasion."

Accusing Israel of "cruelty" and "uncivilized actions", he added: "Indonesia together with the other Organization of Islamic Conference member countries expresses its highest respect, its deep sympathy and strong support to the struggle of the Palestinian people."

Indonesia reiterated its stand in the conflict, saying a just and durable solution had "to go through the evacuation by Israel of Palestine and the territories occupied since 1967 including Jerusalem."

## Refugees to get U.N. food aid

ROME, Aug. 20 (Agencies) — The World Food Program (WFP) will provide flour, milk, oil and sugar to 7,000 Lebanese and Palestinians, mainly women and children who have fled from Lebanon to Syria. The United Nations agency has announced.

The emergency aid worth \$142,700, borrowed from stocks of food already sent to Syria for development projects, will run for three months and benefit refugees who are not covered by the U.N. program for displaced Palestinians.

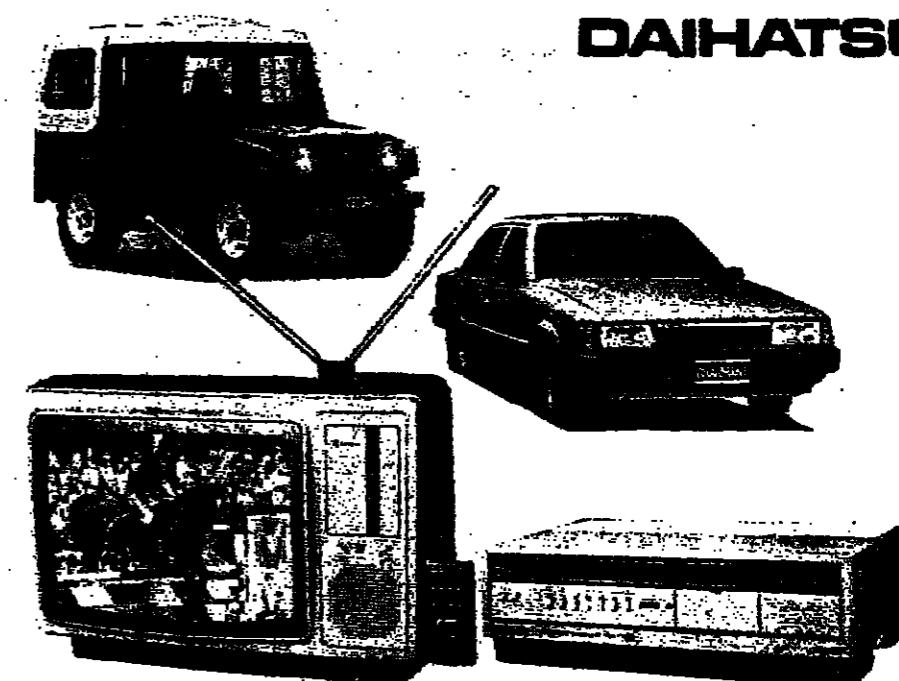
The Syrian government estimates 14,000 people have sought refuge in Syria from the fighting in Lebanon.

The WFP also said Friday it is sending aid to Swaziland and Egypt because of drought and to Somalia to help feed refugees. A statement said an unusual drought in Swaziland has caused a foodgrain shortage of 40,000 tons, or more than a quarter of the country's needs. The agency is sending \$1.3 million in food aid.

In Egypt, the drought was reported to have caused heavy damage to the barley crop in the northwestern coastal zone and created a severe fodder shortage for livestock. The agency said the bedouins are resorting to premature slaughtering and urgent sale of their sheep and goats.



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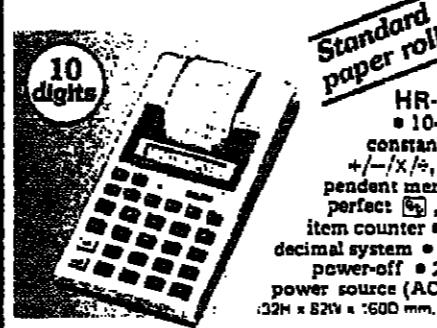
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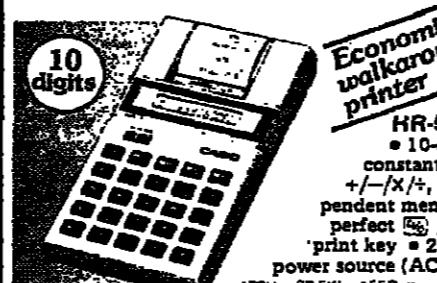
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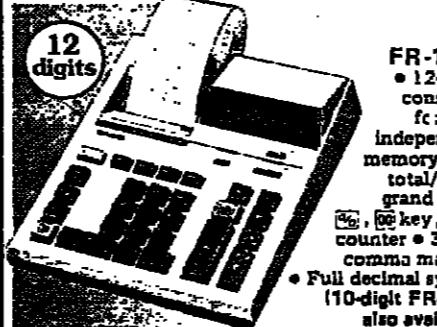
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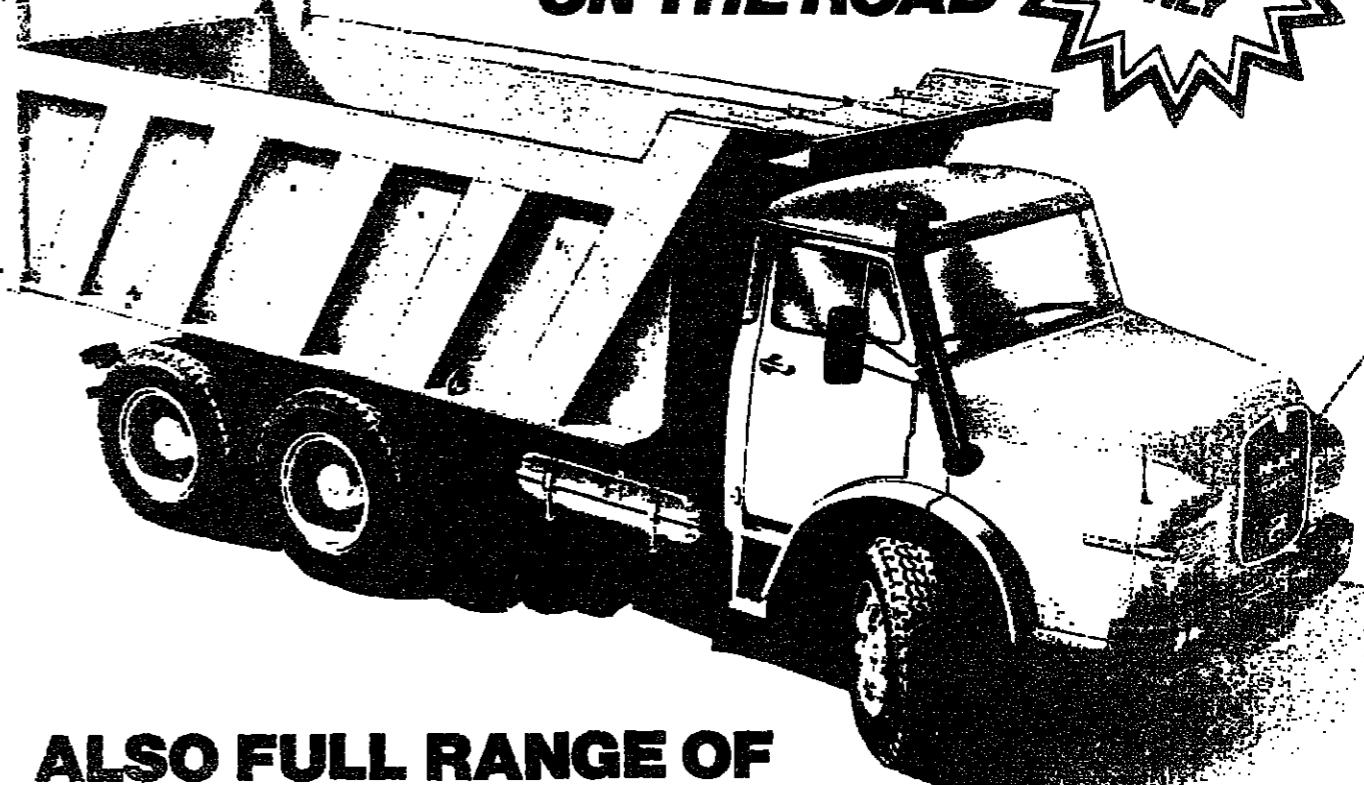
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## WHAT ABOUT M.E. PEACE?

A plan for the evacuation of the Palestinian commandos from Beirut has been accepted by the parties concerned which include the Israelis to make it one of the most bizarre and humiliating accords in the modern history of the Middle East.

Using sheer brute force supplied by the U.S., the Israelis invaded an Arab country, destroyed several cities and occupied the capital, demanding the evacuation of the Palestinians from it and the rest of the country. Even the heyday of Western and Eastern imperialism did not witness such brazen acts of brigandage at a state level. But then Israel has the full military might of the U.S. behind it and the Arabs have the full benefit of divisions and mutual suspicions and have reaped the bitter fruit of their lack of coordination and planning.

The pathetic result of all this is that no Arab country has been party to the Lebanese fiasco. Philip Habib, an American envoy, conveyed American and Israeli "wishes" — orders really — to get the Palestinians out of the country. Neither Syria with its "deterrent" forces in the country nor its army next door, could influence the turn of events. No other country has had the military muscle to bring any pressure to bear on the situation.

This calls for some serious soul-searching by the Arab governments when they meet in their forthcoming summit, provided this meeting does not also evaporate into a dream or concentrate on rhetorical speeches that serve no good purpose.

The Palestinian commandos will be spread out in several Arab states which will make sure that their guests behave themselves and do not go beyond making press statements that do not embarrass the hosts.

But what of the future? What about the much-touted comprehensive peaceful and just settlement in the Middle East that every Arab government has been talking about? Will the summit conference address itself to such crucial matters or will it be too late to do anything about it now that the Palestinians have left Beirut?

A lot of Palestinian and Lebanese blood has been spilled and it will be an additional catastrophe if little of substance should result to justify part of these supreme sacrifices.

## Saudi Arabian press review

crisis."

"The PLO's political flexibility and its respect for U.N. resolutions on the Palestine question must encourage the U.S. administration to embark on direct negotiations with the PLO. The sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."

*Al-Jazirah* warned against an Israeli lightning attack on the Palestinian fighters during their withdrawal from Lebanon because "the enemy has not refrained from killing children, women and old people besieged in West Beirut."

Okaz said the Kingdom's address had "confirmed that Saudi Arabia cannot stand idly by in the face of dangerous events in the Middle East region."

"This confirmation emanates from the Kingdom's deep conviction that any initiative which does not recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people including self-determination and an independent state on Palestinian soil, is doomed to failure," the paper wrote.

It said the end of the Beirut crisis "did not mean the end of Palestinian presence at international forums or that the question was no longer the key issue in the Middle East problem." The paper called on the U.S. administration to understand the Palestine Liberation Organization's (PLO) position if it "really thinks of a comprehensive solution for the Middle East."

## How many died in Israeli bombardment of West Beirut?

By Alan Philips

### BEIRUT —

While hopes are high here that the military bombardment of West Beirut may be ended, one question looks like remaining unsolved — how many people perished during the Israeli attacks. Lebanese and foreign officials involved in emergency work are doubtful of ever being able to arrive at a final death toll figure from among the estimated half million civilians who have spent nine weeks under Israeli siege.

With no strong central authority to keep records and with hundreds of bodies believed to be still under the rubble, figures produced so far are open to challenge. Dr. Kamel Mohanna, president of the Amel Welfare Association which has set up several emergency hospitals with overseas aid, put the toll at 5,000 dead and 15,000 wounded in Beirut from the time of the first air raids on June 4 to the final 11 hours of bombing that ended on Aug. 12 with the latest ceasefire.

Dr. Mohanna told Reuters the figures were compiled by Lebanon's higher relief committee based on hospital data. "It has to be an estimate," he said. "Many of the dead never reached hospital, and the wounded were often treated in emergency centers which kept records and had to close down when they got shelled."

De Salis, head of the International Red Cross team in Lebanon, said the organization made no attempt to keep a tally. "Anyone who gives you figures has to be making them up," he said. "I'm not saying that a figure of 5,000 dead is wrong, just that no one can be sure."

"When did you last have a war where one side set about destroying the other's capital city? In the Second World War, cities were bombed but the civil defense was working and they had the right equipment to make sure every body was recovered and recorded."

In West Beirut, however, civil defense effort is split among about 10 organizations, often run by the leftist militias and commando groups that control the area.

Amid the rubble of a bombed apartment bank in the Sanayeh district close to the center several organizations took turn to excavate with a bulldozer. Lacking cranes and cutting equipment, it was a slow job and mourners waited over a week to see the remains of their relatives. At less prominent bomb sites rescue teams had to move on before finishing, leaving corpses to be dug up when Beirut sets about reconstructing its devastated areas.

Many of the victims were refugees who packed into the center of West Beirut to escape shelling of Palestinian areas in the southern suburbs. When their temporary homes were hit, no one knew how many people were in the building. "The refugees moved from basement to basement. They did not know with whom they were sharing," said De Salis.

Rescue teams dealt with dozens of cases in which no one claimed the bodies. Marilyn Ezzedine of the Lebanon Red Cross said: "If no one asked about them, we had to get permission from the municipality to bury them in mass graves."

Mrs. Ezzedine said an indication of the true size of the death toll could only be got adding up figures from about 40 organizations involved.

One organization that keeps its own records is the 400-bed American University Hospital. Beirut's biggest. By the time of the last ceasefire, it had taken in 256 and 1,944 wounded, of whom 495 were admitted.

The worst single day for casualties was Aug. 4 — "black Wednesday" — when Israeli gunners raked West Beirut from end to end. Rescue workers say hospital figures give only an inkling of the size of the tragedy. Because morgues were often full, bodies could not be taken there and so did not figure in the statistics. (R)

### Letter to the editor

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Following is a letter written by a 10-year-old American boy who attends school in Dhahran. The letter is addressed to U.S. President Ronald Reagan. It is followed by a clarification from the boy's father.)

Dear Mr. President.

Why are you going to back up the Israelis. The Lebanese are the ones who need the help and the PLO too needs help now. The Israelis are killing many innocent women and children from the PLO and from Lebanon.

If you want to know why I am writing, I'll tell you why because I care about people. I don't like war. My best friend is from Lebanon whose name is Khaled Jafar.

In one of the ten commandments it is said "Thou shall not kill." All we want you to do is back up the Lebanese and PLO. send the navy, army, and stop the war. I know if you tell the Israelis to stop they will stop. Do you know how many women and children are being killed? Do you know how many people are starving to death?

Do you have any children? Well if you do, would you like the Israelis to kill them and your wife? Would you like to get killed by the Israelis too?

Life is the most precious thing in the world. Do you think all your other things are more valuable than life? If you do they didn't teach you anything in Sunday school. Life comes first. The Lebanese and the PLO were counting on you to bring them supplies so they wouldn't die. Now they will all die just because of you! Again I'll tell you to stop the war and I tell a million more times until you stop it.

Sincerely yours.

(Chico) Juan Roberto Ortig  
P.O. Box 1481,  
Dhahran

### Father's clarification

My son who is an American like me, is 10 years old and attends the Aramco Intermediate School in Dhahran. I believe what prompted his letter was watching the TV news from Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. The news showed many apartment buildings destroyed and innocent civilians including women and children being killed. I guess he was particularly moved watching so many children killed, or maimed and burned.

The school that my son attends has a mixture of many nationalities. Consequently, he has many Lebanese and other Arab friends. He is concerned about his friends and specially about the families of his friends in Lebanon.

Respectfully  
Juan L. Ortig  
P.O. Box 1481,  
Dhahran



## Reagan adopts tough policy toward Cuba

By Peter Pringle

### WASHINGTON —

Cuban-American relations appear to be heading for a particular rough patch. Among the palm trees on the holiday island of Key West, off the south coast of Florida, the U.S. Navy has started to build two huge 250-foot radio antennas to broadcast Radio Jose Marti, the Reagan administration's new propaganda station beamed at Cuba.

On Capitol Hill last week conservative senators pushed through a resolution to "prevent by whatever means may be necessary, including the use of arms," Cuban aggression or subversion in the Western Hemisphere.

Next month, a federal grand jury in Miami is expected to indict head of the Cuban Navy Vice-Admiral Aldo Santamaría Cuadrado on charges of abetting drug smuggling from South America to Florida.

Tough talk about Cuba always goes down well in election years, of course. You can almost bet on some members of the "lunatic Right" frothing at the mouth over Havana. But the current spate of anti-Castroism seems more excessive than usual.

Although the State Department has dropped its talk of economic blockades and of "going to the source" of the weapons supplies, presumed to come from Cuba, to Nicaragua and the guerrillas in El Salvador, it is showing a cavalier disregard for its foreign service officers most experienced in Cuban affairs. Two of the top posts in the U.S. interest section in Havana — the U.S. does not have a full embassy — and the top post on the Cuban desk at the State Department have been filled with people who have no background on Cuba. The implication is that the administration is not interested in any dialogue, but, rather, wants to start a new era of gloom and doom.

Gone, for the moment certainly, are any hopes of an advance of the friendly talks heralded last spring by Castro's cautiously-stated desire to open a dialogue with Washington on the future of the Caribbean basin. That had come after Secretary of State Alexander Haig's meeting in Mexico with Cuba's vice-president and was followed by a secret meeting in Havana between Castro and Gen. Vernon Walters, the crusty former CIA deputy director.

The Walters' visit was seen as little more than diplomatic posturing. It was quickly followed by the expulsion of two Cuban diplomats at the United Nations on charges of violating U.S. statutes by buying and trying to buy high technology electronics equipment. One of them was said to have been followed by the FBI for more than a year.

The information on Guillot had come, in part, from a fellow-Colombian, Juan Lázaro Crump Pérez, also known as Johnny the Crump, who was arrested in Miami last January on narcotics trafficking charges. He was given bail — at \$3 million — and decided to turn government witness. He claims that he and Guillot had meetings with Cuban officials to arrange arms smuggling to Central American countries and also to discuss fees to be paid to the Cuban Navy for help in avoiding U.S. coast guards.

According to his story, "mother ships" laden with drugs, marijuana or cocaine, leave to Cuban waters after sailing from Colombia and smaller, faster boats transfer the drugs to the Florida coast.

Fees from \$800,000 for "protection" of the mother ships to \$50,000 for the smaller boats are paid to Cuban officials, according to Johnny the Crump.

Even U.S. officials close to the drug investigations in Florida were not ready to take the evidence of these two characters seriously. (ONS)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Aug. 21st, the 233rd day of 1982. There are 132 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1673 — Britain's Prince Rupert is defeated off Texel, marking end of British efforts to land troops in Holland and free Dutch coast from blockade.

1689 — Louis of Baden defeats Turks, takes Nisus and occupies Bulgaria.

1808 — British forces defeat French at Vimiero.

1917 — German forces attack Russians on Riga, Latvia, front in World War I.

1940 — Communist revolutionary Leon Trotsky dies of wounds inflicted by assassin in Mexico City.

1943 — It is disclosed that Japan has evacuated its last North American foothold in World War II — The Aleutian Island of Kiska.

1959 — Baghdad Pact changes name to Central Treaty Organization (Cento); Hawaii becomes 50th state of the United States.

1961 — Cheddi Jagan's party returns to power in British Guiana elections.

1963 — Buddhists are arrested and martial law is imposed in South Vietnam.

1968 — Soviet forces occupying Czechoslovakia seize liberal Communist leader Alexander Dubcek.

1969 — Fire causes severe damage to Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem.

1975 — The United States lifts 12-year ban on exports to Cuba by foreign subsidiaries of U.S. companies, but embargo on direct trade between Cuba and the United States remains in effect.

1981 — Three-day OPEC meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, ends with the oil states still divided on issue of pricing.

Thought for today:

The sun also shines on the wicked — Seneca, Roman scholar (about 54 B.C.-39 A.D.).

**The second conspiracy**

that Begin has gone beyond the borders, and I have the impression that he has surpassed the expectations of the Reagan administration. As I understand, the American administration has agreed that Begin send his forces upto a distance of 25 miles or so inside Lebanon to eliminate 'the daily annoyance' by the Palestine Liberation Organization."

What Begin did later on was that he besieged Beirut strafing and destroying larger portions of the capital. Thus, he placed Reagan before the *fait accompli*, which made the American president not only urgently demand an assurance of the Israeli withdrawal from Beirut and Lebanon (as a whole) but to stop barbaric raids and bombardments against Beirut. However, European sources still fear that Begin might repeat the story with Reagan and "impose" on him the implementation of the "second conspiracy" in Lebanon.

Frontiers of "tiny Lebanon"

*Al Majalla* learned from reliable American and European sources that the idea of partitioning Lebanon and creating a "tiny Lebanon" was seriously debated in several U.S.-Israeli meetings held during the past few weeks.

During his recent visit to Washington, the Israeli opposition leader, Shimon Peres, raised the idea of partitioning Lebanon with a number of American officials including Secretary of State George Schultz. Well-informed American sources confirmed that Schultz expressed his opposition to this proposal and said that the Reagan administration would exert all its efforts to keep Lebanon united under a single and strong legitimate authority.

Peres had visited Washington in full understanding with Begin to make an attempt to justify the invasion of Lebanon and its aftermath and to show the "unity" of Israel's attitude toward this action. Hours after his meeting with Schultz, Peres received several U.S. pressmen in Washington, including the *Washington Post* correspondent. He told them that he considered the best solution for Lebanon, and most suitable for its continuity was to partition it and to bring it to the limited borders which had existed after the World War I.

According to information gathered by *Al Majalla* from well-informed Lebanese sources and from American and French circles, Begin sees eye to eye with Peres on raising the subject of "tiny Lebanon". Besides, some unofficial Lebanese circles also endorse this idea which has been studied more than once. The "tiny Lebanon," as propounded by Peres and supported by some Lebanese circles, begins, in the south, after Sidon and incorporates part of Bekaa, including Zahle. It stretches upto the north but does not include Tripoli. In accordance with this "concept" or "plot," the South Lebanon, including Sidon and Tyre, will be under the jurisdiction of Israel in one way or the other, while North Lebanon and Bekaa will be under Syria as it used to be before the establishment of

Greater Lebanon in 1943.

In case this "tiny Lebanon" is set up, it would constitute a Christian majority (between 55 and 60 percent) and the rest as Muslim minority. According to this "concept," this small state can be "neutralized" and isolated from the Middle East crisis as also from the future of the Palestine issue. It would be possible through the total elimination of the Palestinian camps and the expulsion of all or most of the Palestinian civilians either to Bekaa or the north or to other Arab states, especially to Jordan.

Lebanon's unity, a mirage

The partition of Lebanon in this manner has also been discussed by several non-official Israeli personalities with some Middle East affairs experts at the U.S. State Department and President Reagan's National Security Council. Among these Israelis include Prof. Amos Barlomot who holds U.S.-Israeli nationality and is known for his close ties with Begin and Sharon. Recently, he was in Lebanon for several weeks and later he met Begin and Sharon to be acquainted with Israel's future plots, and then came back to Washington to propound the idea of partitioning Lebanon.

A couple of weeks ago, Barlomot published quite a significant article in the influential *Wall Street Journal* criticizing the American policy in Lebanon. He said: "The Lebanese unity, which the U.S. is trying to revive is a mirage, so is what is now known as the Lebanese central government with which Philip Habib is dealing." He went on to say that the invasion of Lebanon has created "a new equation" in this country, adding that there ought to be a Syrian-Israeli understanding on the future of Lebanon and that America must support this understanding. He considered Lebanon "a group of paramilitary feudal leaderships with no national character." He further added that the "real Lebanon whose features have begun to appear is thus: 40 percent of Christians, Shiites and Druze in an area incorporating most of the central Lebanon, Beirut and Beirut-Damascus Road upto the Litani River; 35 percent will include the north and the north-central part of Bekaa to be dominated by Syria while the rest will be South Lebanon stretching from the Litani River, which would include Sidon and Tyre and remain under the command of Saad Haddad."

Barlomot said this situation would "constitute a valid starting point for a Syrian-Israeli treaty similar to the one between Egypt and Israel. Syria can recognize Israel, give up its support for the PLO and sever its ties with Iran, in exchange for the restoration of the Golan Heights and gaining a portion of the Bekaa Valley. This (position) will be just like the Sinai in regard to Egypt." He added, however, that there was no understanding to the other tens of thousands of Palestinians.

between Syria and Israel on this point, but he urged the U.S. to endorse the plan and help in its realization.

During the past two weeks, several articles have appeared in American newspapers and magazines promoting the idea of dividing Lebanon. One such article was written by a pro-Israel American, Philip Ghabian, in the *Washington Post* last week. He said the prevailing situation demanded the presence of the Syrians in Bekaa and of the Israelis in South Lebanon. He added that this would lead to the final partitioning of Lebanon and that Israel would welcome the establishment of a small Christian state in Lebanon.

The same topic was raised by Begin during his last June visit to Washington after the invasion of Lebanon. Informed American sources had confirmed that Begin did not frankly put forward the idea of partitioning Lebanon but he did give to the then Secretary of State Alexander Haig a concept of the Lebanese situation which would eventually lead to partition. He told Haig that Israel considered the realization of a Muslim-Christian rapprochement in Lebanon in the near future quite an improbability.

Therefore, any authority or government coming up as a result of a need for this accord would be "weak" and based on "mutual concessions". In Begin's view, Lebanon must be administered in the coming stage by an "actual powerful authority", no matter if this led to the Christian domination, under the leadership of the Phalangists, over the country's situation. Such a concept cannot be given a practical shape unless Lebanon is divided in a manner in which the Muslims become a minority in the "tiny state".

**The plan of American move**

Israel has already begun to create the "suitable atmosphere" for the implementation of this "second conspiracy" in Lebanon. It is now not only content with its domination of nearly 65 percent of the Lebanese territory and the adoption of a number of measures in South Lebanon to consolidate its position and the influence of its allies there, but is taking military measures with a view to paving the way for a confrontation with the Syrians in the Bekaa area. Consequently, Israel has despatched its forces, tanks and various other enforcements to North Lebanon and to a number of hilly positions overlooking Bekaa — a place where the Syrian forces numbering between 25,000 and 30,000 are stationed.

According to the information reaching Washington and several European capitals, Israel is now preparing to open a conflict with the Syrian forces and the Palestinian fighters in the north. (There are 7,000 Palestinian fighters in the north and in Bekaa, in addition to the other tens of thousands of Palestinians.

Israel's actual objective behind this conflict is to compel America to intervene to "stop fighting" between the Syrians and the Israelis and to open negotiations for the division of Lebanon. The Reagan administration, however, does not support the Israeli concept, as the former is engaged in a dialogue with Syria, Jordan, Egypt and some other Arab states, in order to find a formula for the settlement of the Palestinian issue. Reagan has personally told several Arab governments that he would tackle the Palestinian problem as soon as the Palestinian fighters make an exit from Beirut. Last weekend, he met with Schultz and other experts on the Middle East affairs to discuss the details of the American move in the coming stage.

*Al Majalla* learned from informed American sources that President Reagan still remains convinced on the need for solving the Palestinian problem on the basis of the Palestinian autonomy talks as envisaged by the Camp David accords. But, on the basis of Schultz's advice, Reagan is seriously thinking of announcing the American concept of the Palestinian autonomy. The talks Reagan had with his advisers are reported to have centered on the following:

To ensure that, after a transitional period of about five months, the Palestinian autonomy must give the Palestinians the right to self-determination and the establishment of a Palestinian homeland;

To ask Israel to freeze all measures concerning the actual annexation of the West Bank and Gaza, and to suspend the construction of settlements;

To invite Jordan and Palestinian representatives for participation in the autonomy talks, side by side with Egypt and Israel, under America's supervision.

But Begin's government totally opposes this concept, as Begin wants to annex the West Bank and Gaza and to blast every action aiming at the revival of talks. He, in fact, wants to lay fresh obstacles before the Arab-American ties. In view of Begin's attitude, Dr. Butros Ghali, Egypt's minister of state for foreign affairs, has declared that his country would not resume the autonomy talks with Israel before the latter's withdrawal from Lebanon.

**Has the "Beirut conflict" ended?**

Summing up from all this, it seems that the "battle of Lebanon" would not end with an end to the "Beirut conflict." The Lebanese official radio broadcast last Monday that the "Beirut conflict" had come to an end and the crisis was on its way to a political solution. At the beginning of this week, it seemed as though an accord had been reached among the parties concerned on the exit of the Palestinian fighters from Beirut, while Philip Habib was able to have some of the Israeli conditions abrogated. Israel rescinded its insistence on getting a list of the names of

Palestinians who would leave Beirut and the way they would be sent to the Arab states. It had also agreed to the supervision of the exit process by the international observers. The only question that remains is the return of the Israeli pilot taken captive by the Palestinian Resistance and the bodies of nine Israeli soldiers who had been killed in the south during the 1978 conflict. Habib has already promised to see this done.

Reports available at the beginning of this week indicated that the Palestinians will start leaving Beirut Saturday and the process of their exit from the capital will take two weeks. The Palestinian fighters (numbering between 7,000 and 10,000) would be distributed among Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Tunisia, North Yemen, South Yemen and Algeria. But Egypt continues to demand the formation of a Palestinian government in exile and America's recognition of the Palestinians' rights before the movement of the Palestinians to Egypt.

Such an accord may be doomed to failure as Israel prefers the murder of the Palestinians, especially their leaders, over their safe departure from Beirut. On Aug. 12, Israel launched 220 air raids on Beirut within 11 hours, in which 600 persons were killed and injured and a large portion of West Beirut was destroyed. During this barbaric bombardment, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat got in touch with King Fahd and urged him to exert his own efforts to put an end to these raids.

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**Israel blocks**

Meanwhile, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Friday handed two captured servicemen back to Israel, setting the stage for an evacuation of thousands of Palestinian commandos from Beirut. The evacuation should mean that the Israelis will lift their siege of war-battered west Beirut 11 weeks after invading Lebanon.

Shortly afterwards, PLO sources said, Arafat will proceed to Tunisia where he is to set up his permanent headquarters near the Arab League headquarters.

Later on, they said, some 3,000 of the commandos will leave Syria for other Arab countries, including Algeria, North Yemen, South Yemen, Sudan, and Iraq.

**Iraq**

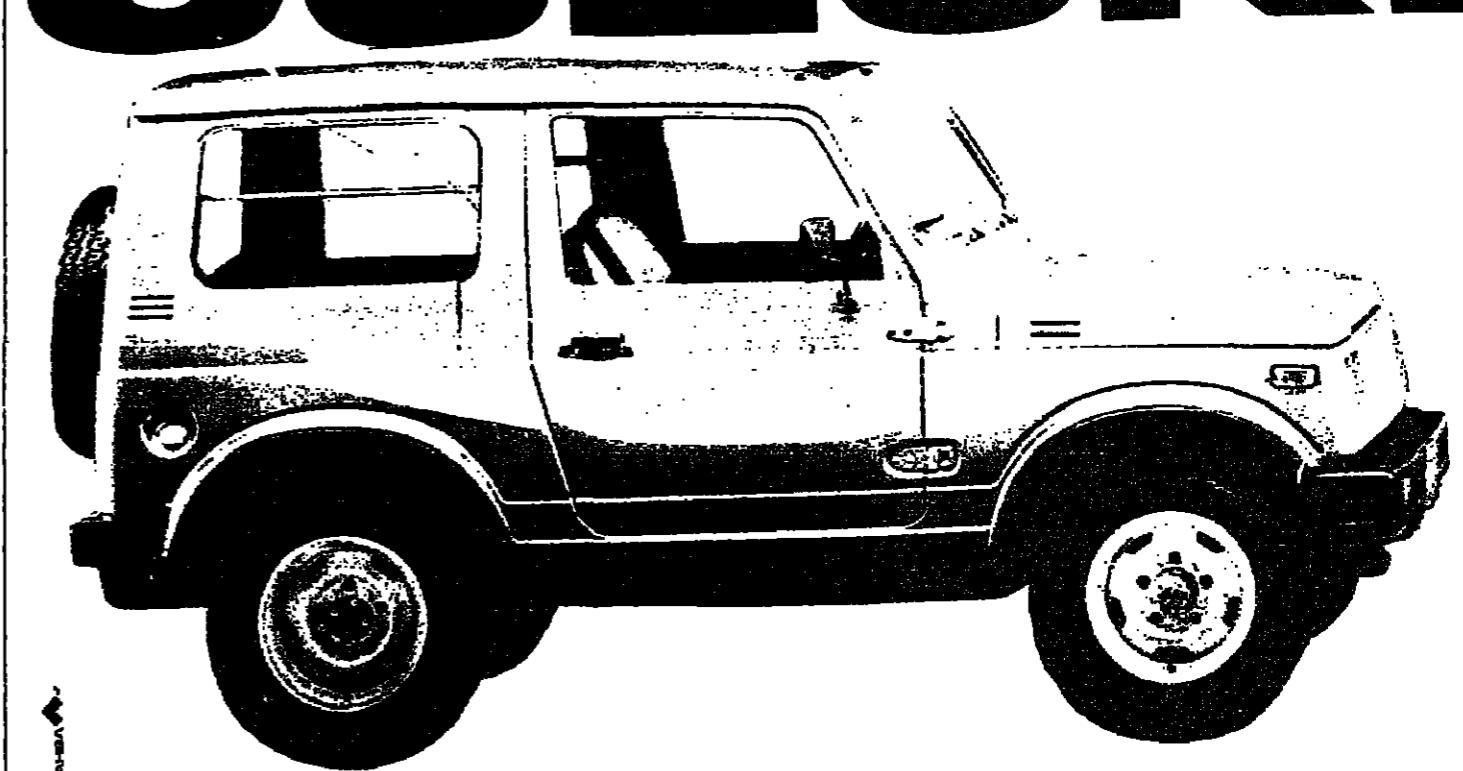
tors of the front. It also said two Iranian aircraft were driven from Iraqi airspace in the Basra region and two others from near Doukhan.

The Iraqis added that Iranian bombs fell on residential and commercial areas of Basra and Khanakin killing six persons and injuring 10 others — all civilians — and setting fire to houses and a hospital.

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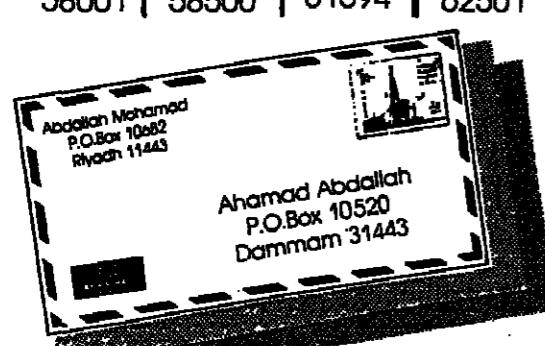
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## Home video entertainment

## Presley still has strong hold on pop music

By Robert Hilburn

LOS ANGELES. (LAT) — *Home Video* is a magazine that's devoted to keeping us informed about the latest developments in the rapidly expanding field of home video entertainment.

So, what contemporary hotshot do you think the magazine put on the cover of this month's issue? Was it Jane Fonda, whose *Workout* exercise video is cited by the magazine as the nation's best-selling cassette these days?

Or maybe Bill Murray, whose *Stripes* film is reported the most popular rental video?

Or what about little *E.T.*? The Steven Spielberg movie isn't available yet on cassette, but the magazine editors could surely come up with some excuse to put such a sales booster on the cover.

As it turns out, you won't find any of these possibilities on the front of this month's *Home Video*. Instead, the photo belongs to Elvis Presley, who died five years ago in his Memphis home.

In an article titled "The king has found a

new place to dwell," *Home Video*'s J. Hoberman points out that 13 Presley cassettes are now on the market. And to show how fast things change in the home video field, the article is already out of date.

A recent check of video outlets showed that two new Presley videos had just been released and that another one — an expanded version of last year's *This is Elvis* movie — is due soon. It looks like the king of rock 'n' roll may also be the king of video.

Presley was more than just rock's greatest star. He was also one of the most celebrated American heroes of modern times — a man who ignited youthful aspirations in this country as much in the 50s as John F. Kennedy and the Beatles did in the 60s.

Even though his own American dream turned into an American nightmare, Presley continues to have a strong hold on the pop imagination. An estimated 3,000 people a day file through Graceland, his Memphis mansion, where \$5 tours were inaugurated this summer. RCA Records has released nine posthumous Presley albums, and each has made the national sales charts.

One of the tragedies of Presley's life was that he rarely tested his own artistic potential. Much of his career was wasted on formula-dubbed films and indifferent recordings.

The Presley video cassettes underscore how much time the late rock star wasted on shabby projects. But the best cassettes also are full of Presley's charm and charisma, and they document his status as a revolutionary in pop music.

Because it provides the most perspective,

*This is Elvis* is the most useful single Presley cassette. It offers scenes from early TV shows, shots from newsreels, clips from home movies and lots of concert footage. The cassette, produced by David Wolper, and written and directed by Malcolm Leo and Andrew Solt, is expected to be released by Warner Home Video and shown as a three-hour network TV special late this fall. The old, 100-minute version of *This is Elvis* is currently being shown on cable and pay-TV services.

The remaining Presley cassettes fall into two categories: movies and compilations drawn from concerts and TV appearances. The cassettes, which normally sell for \$40 to \$60, can often be rented for as little as \$1 a day.

Nine of Presley's nearly three dozen movies are now available on cassette. The best are *Jailhouse Rock* (GM-CBS Home Video) and *King Creole* (20th Century-Fox Video) from the 50s group, and *Blue Hawaii* (20th Century-Fox Video) and *Viva Las Vegas* (MGM-CBS Home Video) from the 60s films.

In the 50s films, Hollywood experimented with putting Presley into James Dean-like roles as the misunderstood teen rebel who battles for identity and respect. After the success of softer, good-time efforts like *G.I. Blues* in 1960 and, especially, *Blue Hawaii* in 1961, the experimentation was largely abandoned in favor of simple grind-em-out amusements in which the only mystery for the audience — and sometimes the only fun — was in learning what ludicrous occupation Elvis would be given: lifeguard, race-car driver, doctor in a ghetto hospital, helicopter tour guide. There is an added problem with the 60s films: the quality of songs was woeful.

More noteworthy than the movies, generally, are the six compilation cassettes, all released by King of Video. The essential one is *Elvis in the Fifties*, which brings together Presley's early TV appearances on the Ed Sullivan, Steve Allen and Dorsey Brothers shows. It gives us a priceless opportunity to see how this young rock performer first presented himself to bewildered adult and enthralled teen-age audiences.

For the last two or three years Jia has taken to heart the post-Mao leadership's admonition "get rich." His family's cash income is well over \$1,500 a year, several times the national average. In this pastoral brigade, according to Jia, most families make at least half what he does, not counting their private sales of horses, wool and meat.

Like all residents of China, Jia has nothing good to say for the Cultural Revolution.

## Drought-hit Mongols feed horses on parched crops

"Everything was crazy, mixed up. The herdsmen looked after the horses and sheep but they were lazy and unorganized so production fell and everyone here got poorer and poorer. Our real leaders were criticized and removed."

What happened to the leaders loyal to the Gang of Four who oversaw the impoverishment of Wang Fu Brigade during the "ten terrible years"? They were criticized. The main ones were criticized to death and now life is back to normal."

It is to the great credit of the Peking authorities that in Inner Mongolia, as in other drought areas, children are bouncy and red-cheeked and, in their smooth clay houses and the rapidly vanishing yurts, Mongol adults continue to look well fed.

Food distribution is adequate and primary medical care is nearby. The days are over when Communist China's government allowed millions to starve as it sometimes did under Mao, and often under his predecessors.

But the Mongol horses are showing their ribs, the foals lie feebly on their sides, and the grain is only knee-high at what should be harvest time.

If this harvest fails, emergency grain will have to be shipped to the great grasslands. It will add to the millions of tons China now requires every year from abroad, another crippling burden for a nation which needs its foreign exchange to drag the countryside into this century.

## Several states surveyed

## India shows little concern for bonded labor

By Dilip Ganguly

NEW DELHI (AFP) — Over 2.2 million people toil as slaves in India, and state governments have shown little concern for their welfare and freedom, a federal government sponsored official report reveals.

The Commissioner for Scheduled Caste and Tribes — a federal-controlled welfare organization — said that only 120,000 slaves had so far been freed and that state governments not only refused to take up welfare schemes, but even "deny the prevalence of this pernicious practice."

Of India's 22 states 19 of them are ruled by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) Party, which controls the federal government.

Wednesday's report was seen as the first official admission in recent years of the existence of such a large number of slaves, officially called "bonded laborers." The report and the statistics were based on a survey done in several states by the National Labor Institute.

The report said: "The commissioner has observed that during his visit to the tribal areas of eastern Bihar state, which has one of the lowest per capita incomes in India, he saw able-bodied men and women being taken by local influential persons to work in distant states."

"The apprehension of the commissioner

(that the persons would end up as slaves)

proved correct, as reports started appearing in the country's newspapers that tribal boys and girls were working as bonded laborers in private brick kilns in other states."

The majority work as agricultural workers,

mainly in Punjab, Haryana, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh states. But others were lured by intermediaries to distant states in the hope of money and a good job. The issue of slavery came into sharp focus last year when a local journalist brought a middle-aged woman from a slave runner for about \$300. The journalist claimed he bought the woman to show that slavery was still prevalent in India, but ironically criminal proceedings were brought against him under anti-slavery laws.

## STOP KILLING YOURSELF

## TUMOR IN THE BRAIN

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: We are constantly advised of the seven dangers of cancer, but I have just lost my husband after futile operation for a malignant brain tumor. More specifically, it was a glioma of the brain and it seemed to have struck without warning.

There were no symptoms until a week or so before the operation. Can you tell your readers and me more about this horrid thing? Were there symptoms we overlooked? It seems he never really had a chance. Could he have had? — Mrs. S.

Dear Mrs. S.: Not knowing exactly what complaints your husband suffered from. Mrs. S., I can speak only in generalities. As anywhere else, there are many types of tumor in the brain.

One estimate is that about 55 percent are malignant and about 45 percent benign. But even a benign tumor can be "malignant" in a way, if its situation in the brain is such that it menaces vital functions.

As in your husband's case, some may attack stealthily and silently, so surgery comes too late. Other brain tumors may be metastatic (extensions from cancer elsewhere in the body — stomach, lungs, kidneys, etc.).

Such are, of course, very serious and beyond help. But, as I said, there are the benign tumors. Early operation can save the patient. Usually, brain tumors are not silent.

I recall one patient in his middle 40s who began to complain of severe headaches. His vision became blurred. Without any apparent reason he would have sudden vomiting spells. He also noticed a loss of equilibrium. He would get dizzy and sway when he walked.

He immediately sought help. Examination of his eye grounds (back of his eye) showed presence of choked discotic nerve blurred. Special X-rays also showed a growth.

Brain surgeons removed a benign tumor the size of an egg from his cerebellar region. He recovered completely. Had he waited much longer he might have lost his sight completely.

What I have been saying, Mrs. S., is that early diagnosis is important. Nobody should try to make his or her own diagnosis. Nevertheless, the following symptoms should make one suspicious: severe,

unyielding headaches; vomiting without any other gastrointestinal symptoms; blurring of vision; unsteadiness of balance or gait; sudden change in personality.

Then let the doctor decide. What seems to be brain tumor may turn out to be something else.

MEDICALETES  
(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steinrohn: I have a knee that has become arthritic and about 50 percent flexible due to a cartilage operation 30 years ago. I am 50. I have been playing handball 25 years.

A doctor had advised me to have a plastic knee inserted. My question: Do you believe that I could continue playing handball in my normal fashion if such an operation was performed? My doctor says yes. — Mr. B.

Dear Mr. B.: I've known some handball addicts (if you'll pardon the expression) and I know how you must feel. But it seems to me what should be first in your mind is the condition of your knee for the ordinary functions of life: walking, bending, running for a bus, etc. Therefore, I'll add a fourth question mark: why worry at this stage about handball? Be content with a well-functioning knee after surgery.

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Dear Dr. Steinrohn: At the age of 56, I suffer from a fallen bladder. I notice it mostly when I take walks. It comes down. Is this serious? Can it be helped? — Mrs. T.

Comment: See your gynecologist. If it's due to a vesicovaginal fistula (false opening between urinary bladder and vagina) it can be helped. The common name for the operation is "pelvic repair."

(Tomorrow: Dissolving gallstones)

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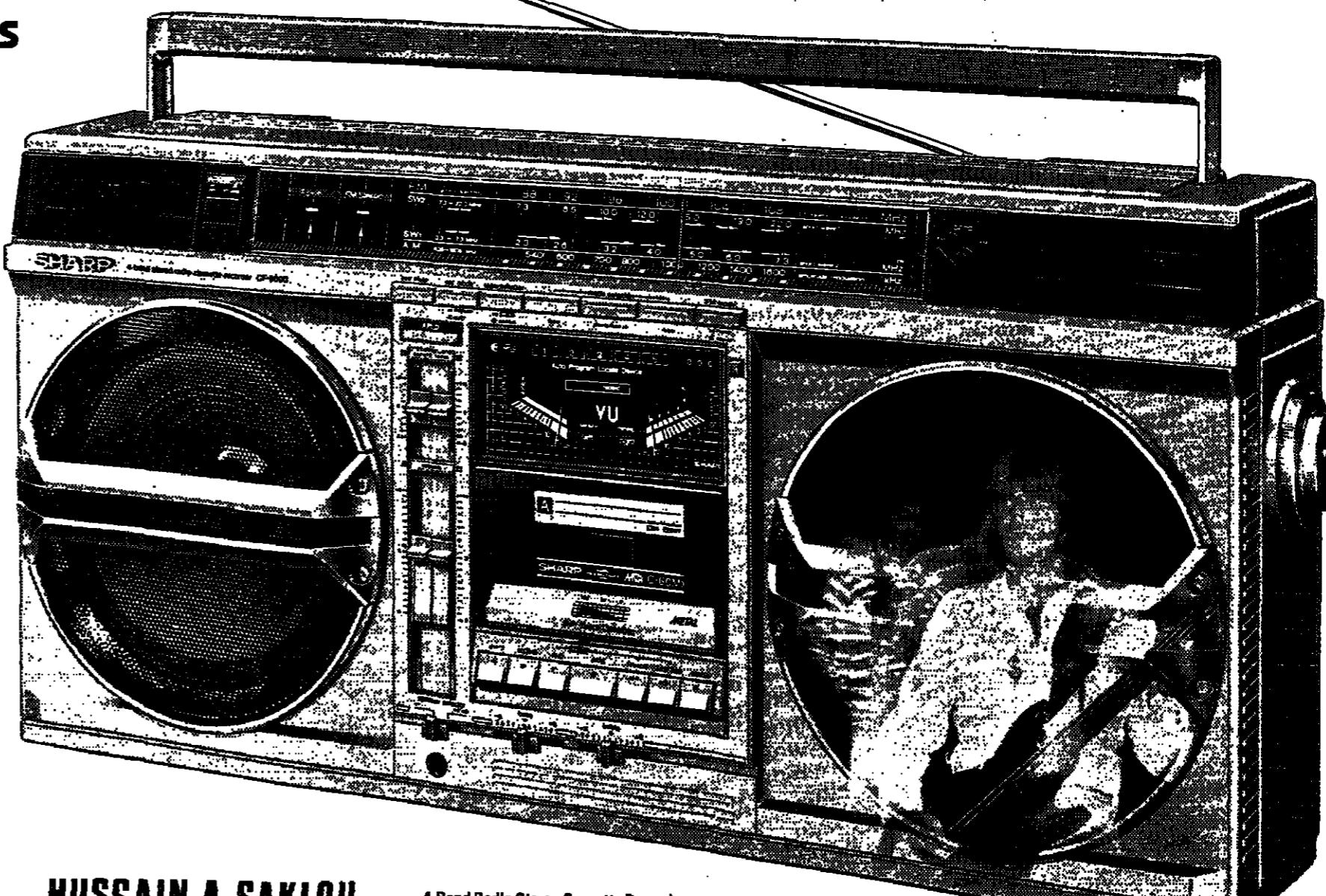
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# Soviet minister raps U.S. stance on arms

MOSCOW, Aug. 20 (AFP) — Soviet Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov has blamed the United States for the absence of progress in the six-month-old Geneva negotiations on the limitation of nuclear arms in Europe.

In an interview with Tass news agency Thursday, Marshal Ustinov also condemned what he called American leaks to the Western press on how the negotiations were progressing, when the understanding was to keep such information confidential. By misrepresenting the Soviet position, such indiscretions were not conducive to progress in the talks, the marshal warned.

He went on to deplore that the United States "continues to cling to the notorious 'zero option,' which he defined as insistence on 'the complete liquidation of all Soviet ground-based medium-range missiles.' That proposal, the marshal added, 'is clearly designed to torpedo the reaching of an agreement.'

The defense minister recalled that the Soviet proposal is for a gradual reduction of such nuclear weapons between the Arctic Ocean and Africa and the mid-Atlantic and the Urals over a five-year period, when each

side would retain no more than 300 units of this type.

"The Soviet Union ... will not unilaterally reduce its medium-range nuclear weapons," the marshal insisted, because there existed "approximate parity of forces" between the USSR and the U.S. and the Warsaw Pact treaty states and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. This rough balance, he added, "was repeatedly admitted by many political leaders in the West" and in fact provided the basis for other "relevant Soviet-American agreements."

The Soviet official said that a particularly "eloquent" statement was made by U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in an interview with American newsmen Aug. 9 when he stated that "all the activities of the Pentagon are directed at attaining superiority over the USSR in a nuclear war and at concluding it on terms advantageous to the United States."

"The Soviet Union," the marshal stated, "rejects as a matter of principle the course of attaining military superiority. It does not aspire to it, but neither does it recognize such a right in the case of anybody else."

## For selling babies

### 42 to stand trial in Taipei

TAIPEI, Aug. 20 (AFP) — Forty-two persons are to stand trial here in connection with an alleged international baby-selling ring said to have been broken up by police in April.

The indictments were made Thursday after four months of investigation by the Taipei prosecutor's office. Cases against eight other persons were dismissed due to lack of evidence. The group, allegedly masterminded by a 31-year-old mother, Lin Chu Li-chin, was said to have kidnapped babies, or placed newspaper advertisements for children, in order to sell them.

The children were allegedly for adoption by couples in Australia, Switzerland, Finland, France, the United States and Thailand between 1979 and March this year. Most of the children were said to have been under the age of three.

According to the allegations, parents who

### Floods in China leave 718 dead

PEKING, Aug. 20 (AFP) — The floods that swept across Communist China's southwest Sichuan province recently left 718 dead and injured 6,000 others, a provincial official said Friday.

The official said that 250,000 persons were left homeless, and nearly 8.5 million persons overall were affected by the floods in the east and northwest of Sichuan, China's most populous province with 100 million people.

The official said the floods last month destroyed 290,000 houses and left 20,000 dead.

## BRIEFS

MOSCOW (AFP) — Thousands of Moscovites were seen converging on a downtown state department store when news went around that a shipment of jeans had arrived from Italy. About 15 militiamen were called hastily to control the crowd's entrance to the shop. Jeans are still one of the most sought after items on the Soviet black market. A pair will sell for around 200 roubles (\$270) — the equivalent of the average monthly wage.

BOCA RATON, Florida (AFP) — An army of catfish is marching doggedly through Florida, but fish experts here are telling humans not to panic. The oxygen-breathing catfish, which are as much as two feet long and capable of crawling over land more than half a mile a night with their pectoral fins, are moving through the north of the state and may soon reach Georgia, officials said. They are currently on a migration northward, the officials said. Specialists here say the catfish can survive 85 days out of water provided their skins remain moist.

STOCKHOLM (AFP) — Parents who favor spanking as punishment have formed an association here called "Our Children, Our Responsibility," to protest at legislation banning all forms of corporal punishment in Sweden. The association, which so far has some 60 members, was founded by an irate father from Linkoping, southeast Sweden.

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## Marilyn friend receives threats

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20 (AFP) — Actor Ted Jordan, who claims to have found Marilyn Monroe's long-lost diary, said Thursday he had received several telephone calls threatening his life.

On Wednesday, Jordan announced he had found the diary, said to contain proof that the film star was murdered, but he refused to reveal its contents. Jordan said he met Marilyn Monroe in 1943, when they both were under contract to 20th Century Fox, and remained a friend until her death in 1962.

The actress' friends have been searching for the diary for the past 20 years in a bid to find proof she did not commit suicide but was murdered.

Milos Speriglio, a Los Angeles detective who was a close friend of Miss Monroe, has maintained for years that she was killed when she was about to reveal a series of state secrets gleaned during a love affair with Robert Kennedy, then U.S. attorney general.

He said Miss Monroe had information on a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) plot to kill Cuban head of state Fidel Castro. According to Jordan's latest statement, Miss Monroe's "little red book" does not mention the CIA. But the television actor refused to comment on possible references to Kennedy, who was assassinated in 1968.

Jordan said he found the diary in a neighbor's trunk but kept silent about it for years because he was frightened. Meanwhile, the state coroner said he wanted to question Jordan but he refused to say if there would be an investigation into the alleged reappearance of the diary.

## Wage strikes staged

### Argentine labor restive

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 2 (Agencies) — Argentina's military government faced fresh pressure from the labor movement as the mechanics' union called a demonstration outside the presidential palace for trade union freedoms and social justice.

Bus drivers and railwaymen staged a 24-hour strike Thursday to back demands for higher pay, the first major successful strike in Argentina since the armed forces consolidated their rule after seizing power in 1976. The wave of labor unrest follows an unprecedented rise in unemployment and fall in real wages and comes at a time of low national morale following Argentina's defeat by Britain in the Falklands (Malvinas) war.

Members of the mechanics' union in the capital planned to march on the presidential palace to submit a list of demands to President Reynaldo Bignone. They called for an urgent return to democracy, an end to factory lay-offs, the repeal of laws limiting trade union freedoms and the adoption of economic policies that benefit the mass of the population.

Gen. Bignone was appointed head of state by the army last month to supervise Argentina's planned return to democracy by March 1984. His government has adopted economic policies aimed at reflating Argentina's depressed and debt-ridden economy but official figures published Thursday made gloomy reading.

Meanwhile, at the United Nations, the Soviet Bloc, Cuba and Venezuela failed in their attempts Thursday to bar two Falkland Islands representatives from carrying their argument for self-determination to the United Nations' Decolonization Committee.

John Cheek, an elected member of the island's legislative council, hailed as a victory the decision by the committee's chairman, Ambassador Frank O. Abdullah of Trinidad and Tobago, to allow them to address the 25-nation body. "In the past, the committee has tended to side with Argentina. Maybe, actually seeing islanders and after the Argentine aggression itself, there is now a change," Cheek told a reporter after his brief speech in the U.N. Trusteeship Council where the Falklands is a perennial issue.

Before the committee, Cheek argued, against resumed British-Argentine negotiations on the issue of sovereignty that sparked the 74-day Falklands war. It ended with the surrender of Argentine troops June 14 and the reinstatement by Britain of the council to represent the 1,800 British-descended islanders. "We are a threat to no one," he said. "We only ask for the chance to live our lives unmolested and in the way we choose."

After Argentina's April 2 invasion, Cheek said, "we were told we were colonial remnants that had no right to determine our own future, and that we must come to terms with the idea that all decision about our living would be taken by Argentine military commanders ... Our tradition and culture are not Argentine. They are our own ... We believe in tolerance and justice and democracy. All we know of Argentina suggests the opposite."

Cheek expressed hope that the committee would endorse the Falkland Islanders' right to self-determination.

British Ambassador Hamilton White reiterated his government's opposition to resumed negotiations with Argentina over the islands' future.

## Japanese official faces warning

TOKYO, Aug. 20 (AFP) — Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Kiichi Miyazawa Friday promised a stern warning to Science and Technology Agency director general Ichiro Nakagawa, criticized for relieving himself in the Diet garden.

He made the promise at a meeting of the Diet steering committee in the House of Representatives (lower house), after a weekly magazine published a full-page photo of an man relieving himself on a tree in the Diet compound garden. The man was later identified as Ichiro Nakagawa, a lower house member and an influential leader of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, the magazine said.

At Friday's meeting Matsuro Yamaguchi, of the largest opposition Japan Socialist Party, commented that Nakagawa had committed a minor crime. "Such an act by an incumbent state minister is a matter of the Diet's political attitude," he said.

Under Diet rules a Diet member is to be punished for such acts if action is taken within three days. Nakagawa escaped punishment as the charge against him came much later than three days after the "incident."

## Buckley pleads on aid

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (AP) — Assistant Secretary of State James L. Buckley warned Congress Thursday that failure to approve the administration's foreign aid request would have a "devastating" effect on U.S. foreign policy.

Buckley, who has been assistant secretary for security assistance, appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for confirmation as State Department counselor.

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With growth sluggish

# Spring fails to bring cheer to Americans

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (AP) — The U.S. economy grew during the spring at a slower rate than first estimated, while corporate profits fell modestly, the government has reported.

The reports, while not indicative of a recovery underway, reaffirmed many forecasts that the year-long recession has hit bottom. Most economists now are looking for a slow, weak recovery to emerge before the year is out.

The Commerce Department said in a revised report that the broadest measure of economic activity — inflation-adjusted gross national product — rose at a weak annual rate of 1.3 percent during the second quarter after falling sharply during the previous six months.

A month ago, the government had estimated the gain in the "real" GNP at 1.7

## Paris to keep rein on prices

PARIS, Aug. 20 (AFP) — The French government has begun a round of meetings with trade unions and employers in a bid to stop pay and prices soaring when the four-month freeze imposed on them and expiring Nov. 1.

The freeze, decided in June after the devaluation of the franc, is aimed at bringing

## UAE rig blaze claims one life

MANAMA, Aug. 20 (AP) — An Indian worker was killed and eight other foreigners injured when a fire broke out at an American offshore oil rig in the United Arab Emirates. UAE police spokesman said.

The spokesman, quoted by the Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency, said an investigation was underway to determine the cause of the fire, which was brought under control after 75 minutes.

Earlier reports that a number of Canadians were among the victims could not immediately be confirmed.

Production at the rig, located in the Fateh field, one on two vast offshore fields in the emirate of Dubai, was suspended. But a spokesman said other rigs in the area were operating normally.

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## Henry Kaufman can turn a 'bear' into a 'bull'

NEW YORK, Aug. 20 (R) — Economist Henry Kaufman is considered something of a magician on Wall Street — he can turn a 'bear' into a 'bull' overnight.

Kaufman's extraordinary power was demonstrated Tuesday when, by forecasting further declines in interest rates, he halted the downward 'bearish' market trend, inspiring 'bullish' optimism, and sparked the biggest one-day rally in stock and bond market history.

Never mind that rates had been falling for several weeks, or that other economists had already predicted continued falls — Kaufman had spoken.

"People are looking for a man on a white horse to give them absolute answers in an uncertain investment environment, and some consider Kaufman as guru," said stock market analyst Michael Metz.

Indeed, many investors consider Kaufman to have the last word on interest rates. When Kaufman speaks, people listen, and his pronouncements are often given more

## Wall Street boom proves

credence than the economic predictions that come regularly from Washington.

Kaufman is the chief economist and head of research at Salomon Brothers, a huge investment banking concern whose clients include the biggest corporations in the United States. He is not without detractors. Some note he has been slow to come round to the consensus that interest rates are heading lower, and question his reasons for predicting further falls.

However, all respect his power to move the market. "The fundamentals can be in place, but sometimes ... it takes a Henry Kaufman to give (investors) courage to take the action they wanted to all along," said one stockbroker.

Another said Kaufman speaks and the market moves. Only sometimes, before you know it the market turns the other way and you get stuck."

On Tuesday Kaufman reversed his long-held position that interest rates would move higher during the coming months, and the

stock market reacted with alacrity. The Dow Jones industrial average rose a record 38.81 points and stock market trading volume reached 92.70 million shares, second highest ever.

Kaufman's influence and reputation are well earned. In the past several years few economists have been right so often, or so pessimistic, in predicting the direction of interest rates.

True to form, he was not available for comment Wednesday about the stock market surge. He occasionally makes public addresses but rarely meets the press, except when buttonholed after a public appearance. His forecasts are usually released by spokesmen for Salomon.

The 54-year-old economist, a small, balding man with a slight paunch, has described his work as 'massaging' the economic statistics released by the government and coming up with an economic theory — monetarist, Keynesian, Supply-Side or otherwise.

## Arabs deny move to pullout funds from U.S. banks

MANAMA, Aug. 20 (AP) — The governor of the United Arab Emirates Central Bank has denied that a meeting of Arab bankers in Abu Dhabi had discussed withdrawing Arab deposits in U.S. banks.

"The meeting has not discussed nor will it discuss any working paper on withdrawing or halting Arab financial deposits in the United States," Abdul-Malik Al-Homar was quoted in UAE newspapers.

The two-day meeting was concluded later in the day with a press conference during which Al-Homar said participating central bank governors had agreed on a joint Arab position at next month's joint World Bank and International Monetary Fund meeting in Toronto, Canada.

He said the Arab bloc "may raise" at the Toronto meeting "the possible international economic backlash of Israel's invasion of Lebanon" and renew a request that the Palestine Liberation Organization attend as observers.

## Gold recovery prospects soar

LONDON, Aug. 20 (R) — This week's fall in U.S. interest rates and prospects of further declines improve the chances for a slow gold price recovery, but they are not a convincing signal the metal has ended its long-term downturn, market analysts and chartists said.

The relaxation of downward pressure on gold, from historically high interest rates and a strong dollar, has improved the climate for gold investment, they said. But the metal must still go through a long process of base building on charts before the downturn from a peak of over \$720 an ounce in September, 1980 can be decisively broken.

David Fuller, deputy chairman of Commodity Analysis Brokers Ltd., said it would take far more than a lowering of interest rates to cause another bull market for the metal.

He noted the market's recent resilience to various international political crises and gold's major role as an inflation hedge. Before a sustained bull market can be realized there must be a major loss of confidence in the dollar and a concomitant return to rising inflation and neither of these conditions are on the immediate horizon. Over the next few months he forecast prices fluctuating around the \$350 level.

## Ambrosiano faces insolvency

MILAN, Aug. 20 (R) — The liquidators of Banco Ambrosiano, Italy's largest private bank, asked a Milan court to rule the bank insolvent, with debts exceeding its assets by more than 500 billion lire (\$360 million), court sources said.

In Rome, senior monetary officials said an insolvency ruling by the Milan tribunal could open the way for charges of fraudulent bankruptcy to be brought by the state attorney's office.

Court sources said the hearings were adjourned after three hours until next Monday. Fraudulent bankruptcy is a criminal charge under which a defendant is accused of bankrupting a company through fraudulent actions, but first the company must be declared insolvent.

Lawyers representing Ambrosiano's small shareholders said last week they were planning to seek criminal proceedings against the bank's former top management.

Ambrosiano was put into forced liquidation by the monetary authorities Aug. 7 after the most dramatic banking collapse in Italian post-war history.

Special commissioners were appointed by the Bank of Italy to run the bank in mid-June after its chairman, Roberto Calvi, committed suicide in London.

But rescue efforts by the commissioners

and a salvage group of seven banks failed under the weight of bad debts and a run on the bank's deposits. Lawyers for Calvi's deputy, Roberto Rosone, and other former directors of the Milan bank gave notice that they would oppose the declaration of insolvency on the grounds that it was still too early to determine the bank's financial state, they said.

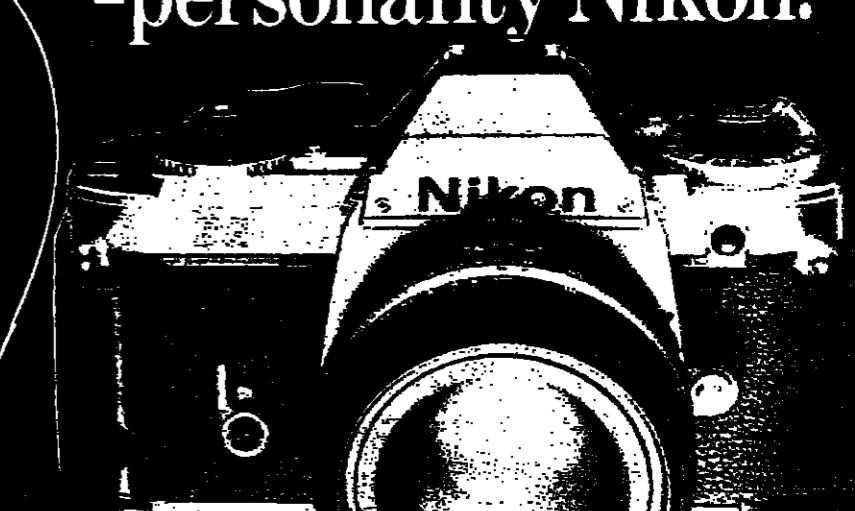
In particular, about 390 billion lire (about \$280 million) owed by the Vatican Bank, l'Istituto Per Le Opere Di Religione (IOR), to Ambrosiano and its Peruvian subsidiary Banco Ambrosiano could not yet be written off because the Vatican Bank was still considering its position. Rosone's lawyer said.

The Vatican announced last month it was setting up a three-man team of outside bankers to report on IOR's dealings with the Ambrosiano group. A center of Ambrosiano's financial problems are \$1.4 billion of loans made by its Latin American subsidiaries to 11 shadowy Panamanian companies.

The Vatican Bank issued letters of patronage claiming to control directly or indirectly the Panamanian companies.

But IOR's president, American Archbishop Paul Marcinkus, denied any financial responsibility when the loans were not repaid.

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Lays stress on efficiency

# Japan outlines steps for growth

TOKYO, Aug. 20 (AP) — Japan must improve efficiency in both the private and government sectors in order to provide environment for greater economic growth, government planners said Friday in the 1982 "white paper on the economy."

The annual report, released by the Economic Planning Agency after approval by Prime Minister Zeni Suzuki's cabinet, said Japan must continue to mark growth rates slightly higher than those in the United States and Europe to maintain "stability and vitality."

It said the government, which in the late 1970s followed a policy of fiscal austerity to reduce government deficits and balance the budget, must make greater efforts to stimulate the economy.

The report said short-term fiscal and monetary measures aimed at fueling growth would serve only as a detriment to the economy and stressed the need for economic management based on long-term perspectives.

High economic growth also is needed in the coming decades to support Japan's rapidly aging society while sustaining economic vitality, it said. Japan's older generation currently account for 9.3 percent of the population, and a recent government projection estimated the ratio would reach 15.5 percent by the year of 2000.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 p.m. Thursday		Card	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.13	9.17	
Bangladeshi Taka		15.58	
Belgian Franc (1,000)		72.30	
Canadian Dollar		277.00	
Deutsche Mark (100)	138.60	138.43	
Dutch Guilder (100)	126.00	125.75	
Egyptian Pound	3.30	3.47	
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.50	93.70	
French Franc (100)	49.50	49.40	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	49.52	49.52	
Iraqi Dinar		36.02	
Italian Lira (10,000)	5.75		
Italian Lira (10,000)	24.70	24.65	
Japanese Yen (1,000)		13.32	
Jordanian Dinar	9.70	9.61	
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.89	11.865	
Lebanese Lira (100)	67.50	66.40	
Moroccan Dirham (100)		55.87	
Pakistani Rupee (100)		28.05	
Philippine Peso (100)		40.73	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	5.95	5.93	
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.56	
Singapore Dollar (100)		159.73	
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		30.75	
Syrian Lira (100)	163.00	162.85	
Syrian Lira (100)	59.00	59.95	
Turkish Lira (1,000)			
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44	
Yemeni Riyal (100)	75.25	75.25	

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The new financing deficit estimate for cent-

Analyzing Japan's sluggish economy in the past year, it said the slowdown was primarily due to the prolonged inventory adjustment resulting from slack domestic demand and exports. Japan registered an inflation adjusted 2.7 percent economic growth in fiscal 1981, which ended in March. It was the lowest pace of growth in seven years.

The report traced the recession in major industrial countries to the priority of fighting inflation at the expense of economic stimulation. It said major countries also tightly controlled money supply to reduce governmental deficits. These steps, it said, resulted in the current worldwide recession and led to an increase in unemployment.

High interest rates in the United States in

particular hampered the recovery of the world economy, it said. Economic Planning Agency Chief Toshio Komoto said must shift to economic stimulation to recover from the effects of the worldwide recession.

Komoto, citing increases in unemployment and problems among medium and small-size enterprises, said he would like to put together economic stimulation measures by early September, calling a special diet session as soon as possible to introduce a supplementary budget for public works. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 2.48 percent in June, according to the agency. The Japanese rate would be higher if calculated by American and European standards.

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## Banks debate Mexican debt

NEW YORK, Aug. 20 (AP) — Representatives of 100 banks, 55 of them American began a closed meeting Friday with Mexican government officials, who were expected to ask for a delay in repaying some of Mexico's \$80 billion in foreign debt.

The meeting was held in a 10th floor conference room at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, but the Fed's only role in the meeting was to supply a room, Fed spokesman Arthur Samansky said.

Mexico is believed to be seeking a suspension of principal payments until 1983, while paying the interest due, on some of its debt. Mexico's public and private debt to foreign lenders is the highest of any nation.

U.S. banks are owed about \$17 billion by Mexico. Friday's edition of *American Banker*, a daily industry publication, said the nine largest American banks have \$12 billion loan to Mexico, about 2 percent of their assets.

Bank of America in San Francisco, the largest commercial bank in the world, is thought to hold the most Mexican debt, about \$3 billion, according to published reports.

A source at the bank said Friday that figure "was on the high side," but he would not say how much Mexican debt the bank holds.

## Dutch heading for record deficit

THE HAGUE, Aug. 20 (R) — The Dutch 1982 financing deficit will be a record 10.5 percent of national income, the finance ministry said.

Official savings of between 35 and 40 billion guilders are needed to bring this to an acceptable level around four percent by 1986, it added.

The programs announced by the four major political parties contesting next month's general election do not provide a realistic basis for a government program, nor for the recovery of government finance, the ministry said in a note.

The new financing deficit estimate for cen-

tral and local government compares with 9.75 percent forecast in June, an original aim of 6.5 and an 8.25 percent deficit last year.

The rise is due to lower than expected economic activity which has cut tax and natural gas revenues and raised total unemployment payments.

The ministry calculates public spending will rise by 20.5 billion guilders to the end of 1986, largely due to rising interest and social security payments, if plans are unchanged in the next government's expected term.

If the financing deficit is to be cut to four percent by end 1986 this 20.5 billion rise and an extra 23.5 billion will have to be saved from official spending, less about five or six billion assuming a growth of around one percent in national income, the ministry said.

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## Congress okays \$98b tax hike bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20, (R) — After intense lobbying by President Ronald Reagan, Congress has passed a record \$98.3 billion tax bill aimed at slowing huge government budget deficits and speeding economic recovery.

With help from an unusual coalition of Republican and opposition Democratic leaders, the tax bill Thursday night passed the House of Representatives on a 226-207 vote and the Senate by 52-47.

Reagan quelled a revolt among his ardent conservative Republic supporters through non-stop lobbying which included White House dinners and picnics at Camp David, the presidential retreat in the Maryland Mountains.

He also persuaded enough Democrats to vote for the bill even though it is a congressional election year when members do not want to alienate voters by raising taxes. Reagan argued that failing to raise taxes would produce a \$181 billion deficit in 1983.

In turn, he said this would push up interest rates further, and prolong the recession with its 9.8 percent U.S. unemployment rate, the highest since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

## London stock market

London, Aug. 20 (R) — The market resumed the upward trend Friday, with government bonds again setting the pace, dealers said.

The success of President Ronald Reagan's U.S. tax bill, a firmer opening on U.S. markets Friday and a sharp fall in rates at Friday's U.S. treasury bill tender all underpinned the recent firmer trend, and long-dated bonds scored fresh gains of up to 2.5 points, dealers said. The new-exchequer 10.5 percent 1987 stock ended with a premium of 7/8 percent at 98 1/2 percent.

Leading industrials posted rises stretching to 12p, as in Thorn and BP. The *Financial Times* index at 1500 hours was up 7.6 at 577.3.

Most leading equities were higher, Grand Met rising 9p to 279 and Lucas firming 8p to 145. Discount houses had rises stretching to 25p, as in union, with Cater Allen rising 20p. Banks were mixed, however, though Lloyds ended 7p higher at 405.

Against the trend, Blue Circle lost another 15p to 398 on worries over its Mexican interests and Turner and Newall was unchanged at 32p after 31.

LONDON — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	384.75
Paris	371.78
Frankfurt	379.74
Zurich	388.50
Hong Kong	379.77

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## Ramirez takes set off McEnroe

MASON, Ohio, Aug. 20 (AP) — Detaining champion John McEnroe struggled through three sets and Jimmy Connors had to sweat it out before both advanced into the quarterfinals of the \$300,000 ATP Tennis Championships.

The top seed in this 64-player tournament, McEnroe needed three sets and two hours and 20 minutes to beat 10th seed Raul Ramirez of Mexico 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Connors, who captured his second Wimbledon singles title in July and is ranked second in the world, beat Brian Teacher 6-1, 7-5. Connors ripped through the first set, then battled from behind to take the second set and the match.

Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia and Vitas Gerulaitis of the U.S. too had to work hard for a quarterfinal berth. Lendl dropped nine games against the Frenchman Gillet Mortier before beating him 6-4, 7-5 while Gerulaitis and compatriot Hant Pfister fought out three long sets before Gerulaitis got the upper hand and won by the narrowest of margins 7-5, 4-6, 7-5.

McEnroe, struggled to get his first serve in, in the first set and Ramirez jumped all over the top seed's second serve. However, McEnroe got going in the second set and raced to a

3-0 lead, breaking Ramirez in the second game. He got the only break needed in the seventh game of the third set to move one step closer to the title.

Also moving into the quarterfinals were Brian Gottfried who beat Henri Leconte 6-3, 7-5; Gene Mayer who beat Tim Gullikson 6-3, 6-1 and Steve Denton who beat Matt Mitchell 7-6, 6-2.

Meanwhile, seventh-seeded Eric Fromm defeated South Africa's Freddie Sauer 6-2, 6-2 in the third round of the \$75,000 Stowe Grand Prix tourney. Sauer had upset countryman Joahn Kriek a day earlier in second-round play.

Fromm will meet Terry Moor in the quarterfinals. Moor scored a 7-6, 7-5 victory over American Amateur and Collegiate star Rod Harmon. Moor has yet to lose a set in his three match victories in the Grand Prix.

**Martina advances**

In the women's event, Martina Navratilova scored a 6-1, 6-3 victory over West Germany's Claudia Kohde to advance to the quarterfinals of the \$200,000 Player's Challenge Tournament in Montreal.

Navratilova, the top-ranked player in the

Women's Tennis Association computer rankings, will meet Iva Budarova, one of four Czechoslovakian born players to reach the quarterfinals. Budarova upset Barbara Hallquist 7-5, 7-5, earlier Thursday.

Navratilova's most difficult problem against Kohde was a fierce wind that swept up after intermittent rain showers had delayed an earlier match. "I don't think I had that many problems," said Navratilova. "I broke her service five times."

"In the rain-interrupted match, ninth-seeded Virginia Ruzici of Romania defeated Catherine Tanvier of France, 6-1, 6-1, to advance to the quarterfinals. Ruzici will face Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia in the quarterfinals. Mandlikova, the fourth seed, advanced with a 6-1, 7-6 victory over Sandy Collins.

The other Czech to advance to the quarterfinals was Helena Sukova who edged Rosalyn Fairbank of South Africa, 1-6, 6-1, 7-5. Sukova meets third seeded Andrea Jager of Chicago in her quarterfinal match.

In other third-round matches, Sabina Simmonds of Italy whipped Ann Minter of Australia, 6-2, 6-2, and Eva Pfeff of West Germany defeated Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia, 6-4, 6-2.

## Spanish cagers coast thru

CALI, Colombia, Aug. 20 (AP) — More than 15,000 Colombian basketball enthusiasts saw their national team thrashed 137-84 by Spain in Thursday's first match of the men's World Basketball Championships' finals here.

There was little consolation in the second match, in which the efficient Soviet team beat the Canadian underdogs 114-83. Since certain qualifying round results count toward the final tallies, Thursday night's two winners went to the top of the standings with four points each. The Soviets enjoy a narrow lead over Spain because of better goal difference.

The Colombians, as host nation, were given a by to the final phase and from the opening minutes of their first game it was obvious they would have struggled to qualify on their own merit. After just ten minutes the Spanish led by 20 points and by eight foul to one.

The Europeans fielded their second team for much of the time. Their best players, Epifano, Corbalin and Sibilio, were only seen in action for a few minutes each. The host team made a string of mistakes, removing

much of the enjoyment from the match.

The entertainment came when the Canadians launched a counter-offensive in the second-half of their game against the Soviet Union. The North Americans were 12 points behind at halftime but reduced the deficit to eight points before the Soviets regained the upper hand. The experience of the strong Soviet selection proved too great for the enthusiastic but young Canadians, whose average age is 21 years.

Following the return of Mychkin, the Soviets launched several rapid moves which increased their lead to 16 points and ended the Canadians' hopes. The battle from then on was to stabilize the scoreline, but Mychkin and his teammates finished with a comfortable victory margin of 30 points.

The Chinese team fought hard against the Brazilians in the consolation tournament in Bogota and could be pleased that the South Americans won only by 93 to 79. Brazil were unlucky not to reach the final phase and expected a better result against the Asian team following their disappointing performances in the qualified.

**Cook sets the pace in Buick Open**

GRAND BLANC, Michigan, Aug. 20 (AP) — John Cook, bidding for his first victory of the year, carved a 7-under-par 65 over Warwick Hills Golf Club course to take the first round lead in the \$350,000 Buick Open Golf Championship Thursday.

Cook, whose last victory was at the Bing Crosby National Pro-Am in 1981, played the front nine in 1-under 35, but carded six birdies on the back side to take the lead in this tournament, which pays \$63,000 to the winner.

Cook has one-stroke lead over Lanny Wadkins and Curtis Strange, who each fired a 66 over the windswept course. Wadkins and Strange, playing in a threesome which included Buick Open defending champion Hale Irwin, started Thursday's round on the 15th hole at the 7,000-yard (6,400-meter) layout. Wadkins, winner of the Phoenix Open, had 33 on both the front and back nines with three birdies on each side. He made no bogeys.

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# Keegan signs for Newcastle

NEWCASTLE, England, Aug. 20 (Agencies) — England soccer captain Kevin Keegan signed for Second Division Newcastle United for 100,000 sterling (\$175,000) here Thursday night.

Keegan, twice European footballer of the year when he played for West German club Hamburg, ended weeks of speculation when he signed for Newcastle from Southampton, where he played for the last two seasons.

Scores of fans surrounded the hotel where the 31-year-old former Liverpool star concluded the deal, reputed to make him Britain's first 3,000 sterling (\$5,250) a week player. "I think here is probably the only place and the only crowd in the world better than Liverpool," Keegan said.

## French move

Meanwhile, the French Football Association (FFC) plans to introduce tougher punishments for players, officials and clubs who are involved in under-the-table payments to avoid tax.

Players who receive such backhanders may be suspended for one to six months if the new proposals are accepted at the association's next general meeting. Clubs could be excluded from the national cup for one or more seasons and could have up to ten points deducted from their league standings. Officials who make the payments are already liable to be banned from holding office for a period or for life.

The proposed new punishments were announced Friday as a result of the revelation this week that Roger Rocher, former chairman of big French club Saint Etienne, made illicit tax-free payments to several key players.

## Platini under treatment

It was revealed in Turin that France's World Cup captain Michel Platini is suffering from a mystery groin strain. Platini said the injury prevented him from taking part in France's play-off with Poland for third place in the World Cup and also explained his poor showing with his new club, Juventus, in their first match of the season on Wednesday.

The attacking midfielder's injury is worrying bosses of the Turin club, particularly since Platini says it began three months ago and he has been unable to shake it off. The Frenchman is having radio and ultrasonic therapy as well as special treatment to minimise inflammation. Club doctors believe it could be several weeks before the 27-year-old player is completely fit.

Italian football champions Juventus have settled their salary row with World Cup heroes Paolo Rossi, Gentile and Marco Tardelli. But neither the players nor the club would disclose details of the deal worked out at the club's headquarters in Turin.

Sources say Juventus' previous wage offer of between \$100 and 120 million lire (\$75,000 and 90,000) a year was turned down by the trio because new signings Zbigniew Boniek of Poland and French captain Michel Platini will earn 250 million and 400 million lire a year (\$185,000 and \$296,000) respectively.

## Forster honored

In Bonn, West German World Cup full-back Karlheinz Forster was named as footballer of the year by journalists voting in a poll organized by *Kicker*, a sport magazine. Forster, who plays for VFB Stuttgart, received 146 votes. Pierre Littbarski was second with 144 and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge third with 118.



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## Medina corners limelight at JBC

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Aug. 20 — The Jeddah Bowling Center saw the start of its first marathon competition for six months. Monday night, when 29 bowlers played the first five games in a 30 game scratch tournament, and the standings after the first round have a real international flavor.

Jimmy Medina, from the Philippines bowed the night's best game of 247 to put himself in the top spot with a pin total of 1003, but hot on his heels comes American Jimmy Johnson, the most consistent bowler of the evening, holding a 994 total. "J.J." topped 200 in four of his five games, and only a third game slump of 168 kept him from the number one position. Prakit from Thailand holds third pace with 955 followed closely by Ali Habibullah, the top placed Saudi bowler. In all, nine players topped the 900 mark and these cover a spread of six

#### nationalities.

Two current league record holders were a bit disappointing. Unto Salmela is placed ninth with exactly 900. Unto took the JBC record for a three game series when he bowled a 688 two weeks ago. Pino Veroglia missed the 200 mark in all of his games and recorded a low 877. Pino bowled a near perfect 288 three weeks ago, which is the current highest game score.

In league action at the JBC, teams are starting to look towards the final positions, with only a month of play remaining. In the Tuesday Night League, Exiles 1 appear to be running away with the title after a 4-0 thrashing of Tigers last week gave them a 9 1/2 point lead. Exiles' Ray "daddy" Miller led the way with a 626 series. Dania stay in second place while Marin, who drew 2-2 with Bim Bam Rollers move to third. ABS look certain to take the wooden spoon

#### there.

Also involved in the Tuesday League is a player, who could well make some big scores in the near future. Omar Binzager picked up his first 600 series last week while substituting for Exiles 11 and the young Saudi seems set to make this a regular event.

JBC manager, Naim Shallita, coached Omar when he decided to take up the game a year ago, and he now hits a 180 average during his daily practice sessions, not bad for an 18-year-old who tips the scales at a mere 110 pounds.

Exiles 1 also look favorites for the Wednesday Night League, where they hold a three point lead over Sands, with Super 7 in close contention. Bears of Lapland continue to move clear at the top of the Saturday League, having disposed of Exile 1 and Sudfar by 4-0 scores in the last two weeks.



Omar Binzager... impresses

## Injured Ovett to keep out of Athens meet

LONDON, Aug. 20 (AP) — World 1,500 meters record holder Steve Ovett has been forced to withdraw from the European Championships in Athens next month and also will miss a proposed clash with his great rival Sebastian Coe in Eugene, Oregon.

Ovett suffered a muscle injury in his left leg while training Wednesday and his adviser Andy Norman, manager of the England track and field team, Friday confirmed that the injury would keep Ovett out of action for a month.

The 26-year-old middle distance ace from Brighton, who also is the Olympic 800 meters champion, was to defend in his European 1,500 meters title in Athens. He was slated to race Coe over a mile in Eugene on Sept. 25. "Of course, Steve is fed up, but what can he do?" asked Norman. "He injured his right leg

in the winter, fought back to get racing fit and now he has got this problem with the other leg."

Ovett is hoping to recover in time to compete in the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, Australia in October.

Coe, himself recently recovered from a stress fracture, still is expected to run at Eugene and another Briton, 21-year-old Steve Cram, also is expecting an invitation. Cram said: "I've already been asked to run in the Eugene mile and I said no. But I admit it is quite possible they will be on to me again."

In Oslo, Norwegian discus thrower Svein Inge Valvik, 25, was operated on for severe head injuries sustained in a fight outside a night club here, a spokesman for the Norwegian Athletics Association said Thursday. Spokesman Asbjorn Strandskog said Valvik

## French cyclists drop threat

PARIS, Aug. 20 (R) — French star Bernard Hinault will compete in the World Cycling Championships in Britain next week after all. It was announced Friday.

Hinault, four-times winner of the Tour de France, and four other fancied French cyclists — Bernard Vallet, Jean Rene Bernadeau, Regis Clerc, and Pierre Le Bigault — had threatened to pull out of the world championships at Goodwood after being fined for refusing to take a dope test last month.

But Friday a spokesman for the French Cycling Federation promised that the cases would be reviewed, and said the federation hoped to field the strongest possible representation in the championships. A spokesman for the Union of Professional Cyclists (UNCP) said that in the light of the federation's decision the riders would compete.

## Gaines, Caulkins

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Aug. 20 (AP) — Rowdy Gaines, less than a second off his world record time in the 200-meter freestyle, and Tracy Caulkins, successfully defending her national title in the women's 400-individual medley, earned their second gold medals in the U.S. Swimming Long-Course Championships Thursday night.

Gaines, 23, was clocked at 1:49.64, fading in the final 75 meters in his bid to break the world record of 1:48.93 he set last month.

Gaines, the world record holder in the 100-free, also won that event on Wednesday, the first of four days of competition.

Second place went to Mike Heath, 18, with a time of 1:50.92. Rich Saeger was third at 1:51.13, and David Larson, the defending long course champion, finished fourth at 1:51.20.

The five were fined 3,300 francs (\$485) and given a month's suspension ban after failing to take routine dope tests after an event at Calac, Brittany, on July 27.

The UNCP had, earlier, said the riders would not take part in the world championships at Goodwood unless the French Federation lifted the fines and ban. The union had also asked the French Minister for Youth and Sports, Mrs. Edwige Avice, to intercede on behalf of the 40 professional cyclists and order a modification of medical tests in future.

But the minister refused the request and urged the federations to respect the various rules concerning the use of drugs in sport. She said she had to consider sporting ethics and the influence the cyclists' action would have on young people.

## bag second gold

Caulkins, 19, followed her victory in the 200-backstroke on Wednesday with the 400-individual medley, her 41st national title — the most by any U.S. swimmer in history.

Caulkins, who has not lost to an American in the 400-medley since 1977, had an easy victory with a time of 4:44.26, nearly five seconds faster than second-place Vera Barker's 4:49.24. Barker, 17, is a high school senior. Third place went to Polly Winde, 10, who was timed at 4:49.36.

Caulkins' time was nearly four seconds off her own American record of 4:40.61.

Richard Prado, 17, world record holder in the men's 400-individual medley, won that event by less than a half-second ahead of Jeff Float, 22. Prado was timed at 4:27.49, more than seven seconds slower than his world record of 4:19.78.

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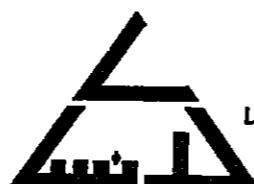
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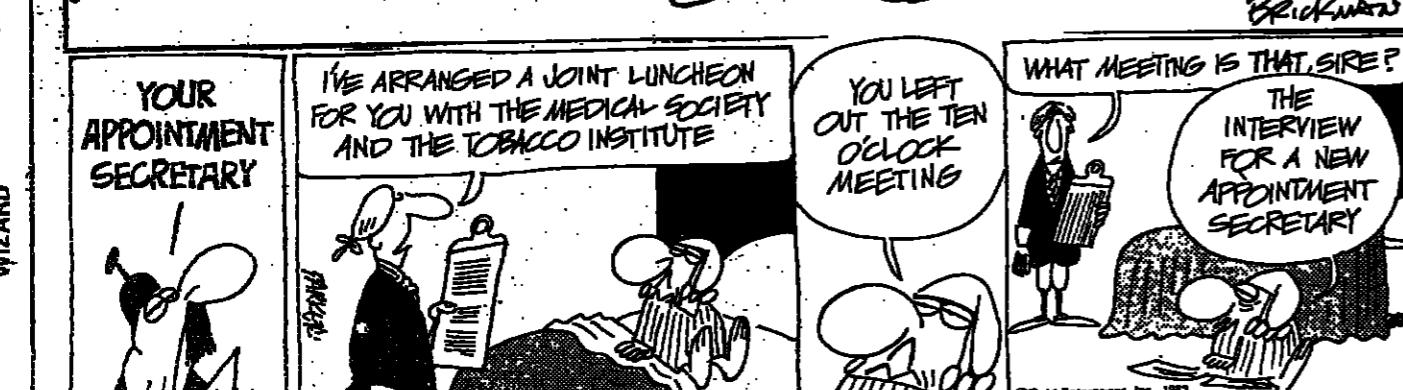
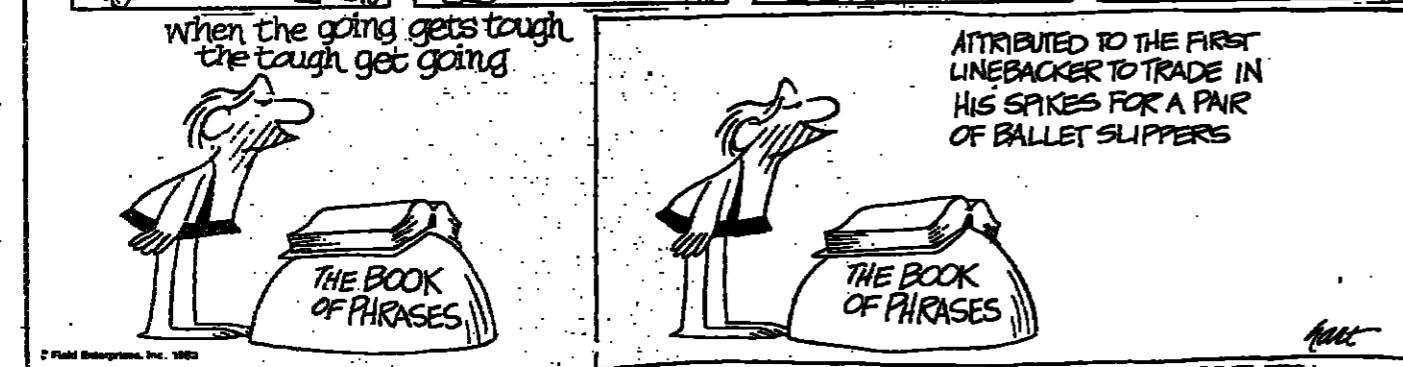
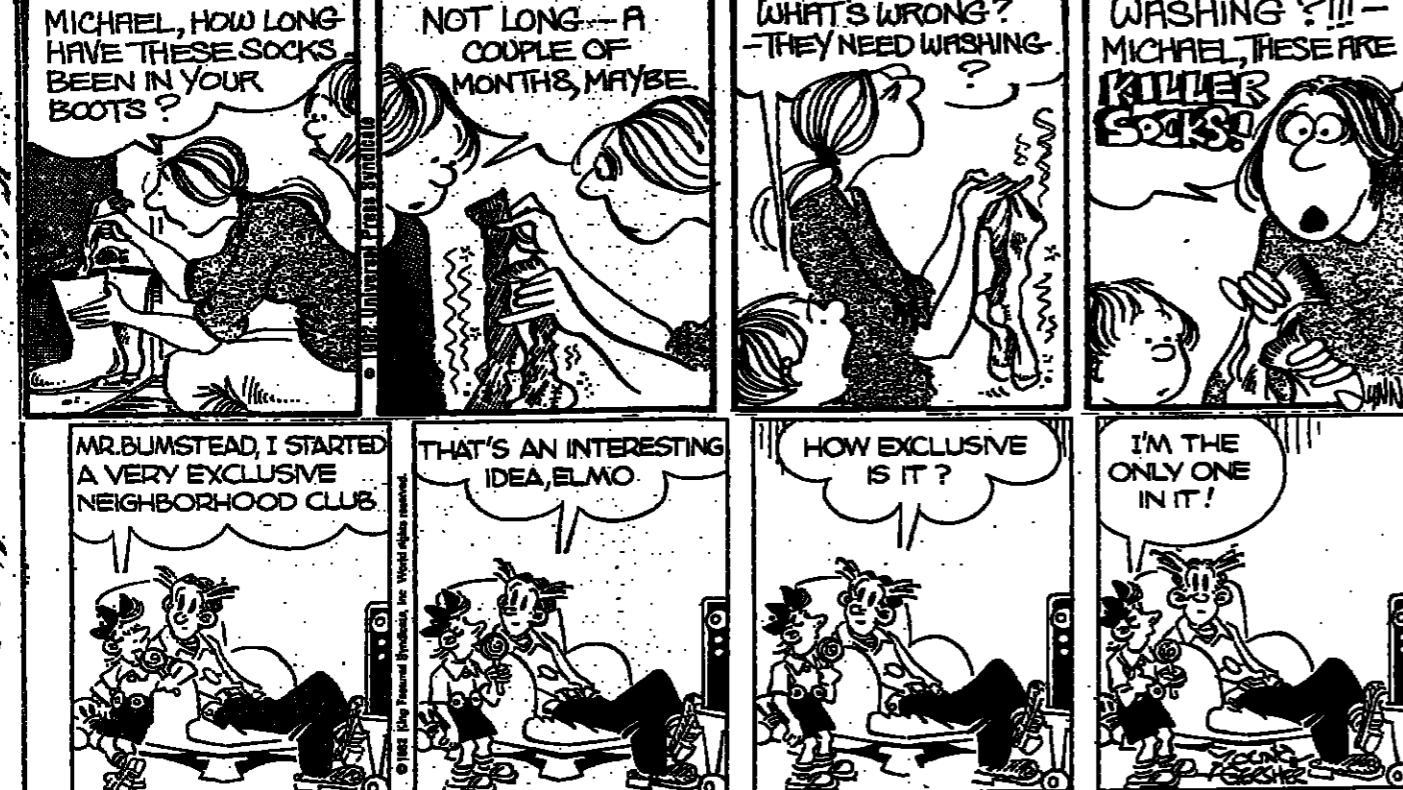
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## Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1982

RIES  
Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Even though you'll have a good time together, don't jump to premature conclusions. Let romance unfold at its own pace. Enjoy the present moment.

TAURUS  
Apr. 20 to May 20)

A close tie may suffer a disappointment now. Otherwise, you'll be busily engaged with some new work ideas or assignments.

JEMINI  
May 21 to June 20)

Follow through on that urge to go places and do things.

Vary your routine for happiness now. Give in to that desire to do something new and you'll meet with excitement and adventure.

CANCER  
(June 21 to July 22)

Your judgment may be off regarding the cost of a do-it-yourself project. Entertain others at home for happy times.

LEO  
(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Follow through on that urge to go places and do things.

However, in romance you need to keep your feet on the ground. Don't fantasize.

VIRGO  
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

An impromptu shopping trip should be fun, but you may be worried about a loved one's mental state. Be ready to offer encouragement.

LIBRA  
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Carefree times are in store for you, but along the way you may encounter a friend who needs cheering up. Be a good friend.

SCORPIO  
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Don't underestimate the cost involved regarding a career project. You may surprise some with a gift now. Shopping is favored.

SAGITTARIUS  
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Follow through on that urge to go places and do things.

Welcome the chance to make new friends. You could receive an unusual invitation now. Hold fast to the dictates of conscience.

CAPRICORN  
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You won't have all the answers regarding a romantic situation. Don't try to second-guess others. Opportunity comes from friends.

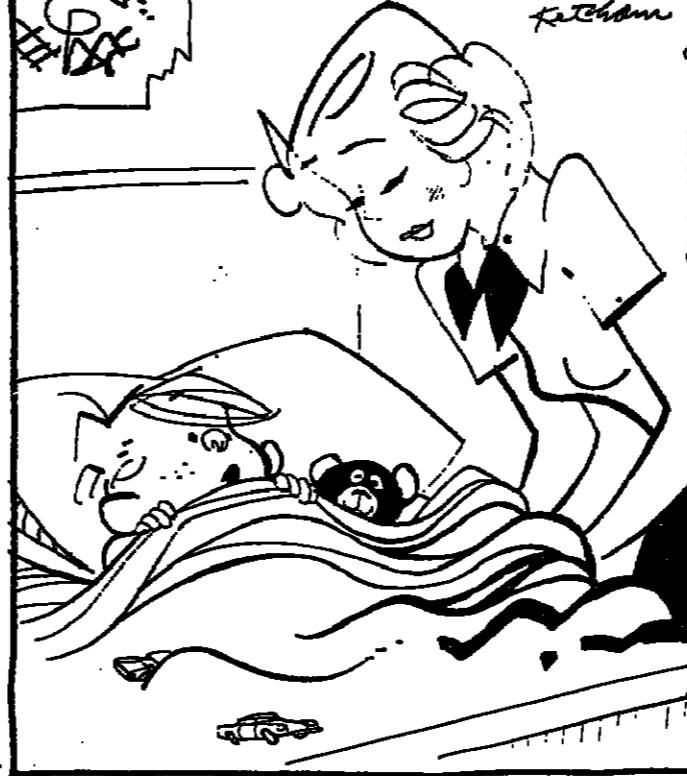
AQUARIUS  
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Join friends in their activities. A loved one though may in some way feel uncomfortable in their company.

PISCES  
(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

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- Family Meeting  
- Closedown  
9:45 Opening, Quran  
- Program Preview  
- Cartoons  
- Children's Program  
- Children's Mathematics  
- The Open Series  
- From the Colony  
- English News  
- Local Programs  
- Daily Arabic Series  
- Selected Songs  
- Arabic Weekly Series  
- Closedown

**Bahrain Channel 4**  
4:00 Quran  
- Religious Talk  
4:20 Program Preview  
4:25 Cartoon  
5:00 Children's Series  
6:00 Arabic Program  
7:00 Daily Arabic Series  
8:00 Arabic News  
8:30 Local Musical Program  
9:00 Arabic Program  
9:30 Arabic Series  
10:25 Arabic Film

**Bahrain Channel 55**  
6:00 Program Preview  
6:05 Cartoons  
6:30 The World of Survival  
7:00 News  
7:30 Ropers  
8:00 Emergency  
8:40 Quizzy  
9:20 B.I. and Bear, followed by New Summary

**DUBAI Channel 33**  
7:00 Holy Quran  
7:10 Exploring Islam  
7:15 Heads & Tails  
7:25 Mr. Merlin/Anderson  
7:45 Hogan's Heroes  
8:00 Emergency  
8:10 Clash & Cheese  
8:35 Family  
9:00 How's Your Father  
9:30 Journey to Art  
10:00 Link Co. 10

**DUBAI Channel 55**  
6:00 Quran  
6:15 Religious Talk  
6:30 Cartoons  
6:45 International Program  
7:30 Music of the World  
8:30 Comedy Series  
9:00 News  
9:15 Sports Focus  
9:45 Journey to Art  
10:00 Cultural Panel

**DUBAI Channel 10**  
4:00 Children's Show  
4:30 Vaseline Oil/Rips and Drips  
4:50 George/George on the Rocks  
5:25 Survival/Deer in Hidden  
5:47 The Honeycombers/Miss from Space  
6:19 The Rounders  
6:30 The World of Change/Hold on to the Past  
6:45 Classic Playhouse/Uncle Vanya  
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